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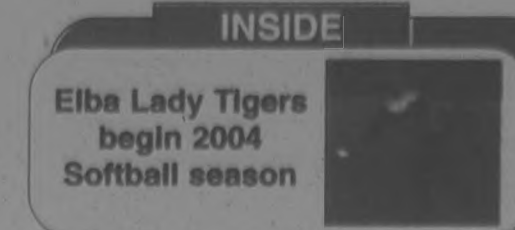
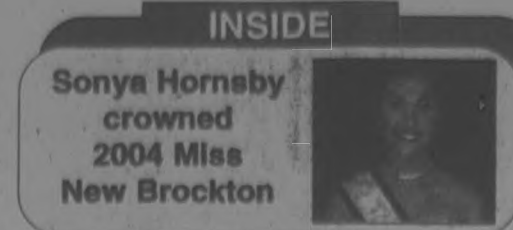
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Elba native named Alabama's Attorney General

Troy King took office as Attorney General of Alabama on March 8, 2004. He was appointed by Governor Bob Riley to complete the term of Bill Pryor who was appointed to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit. This appointment makes King the youngest Attorney General currently serving in the United States.

A native of Elba, King graduated summa cum laude in 1990 from Troy State University, where he was chairman of the College Republicans for four years. He earned his law degree in May 1994 from The University of Alabama, where he was a founder and chairman of the Law School Republicans.

Governor Bob Riley appointed King as his legal advisor in January 2003, where he oversaw major

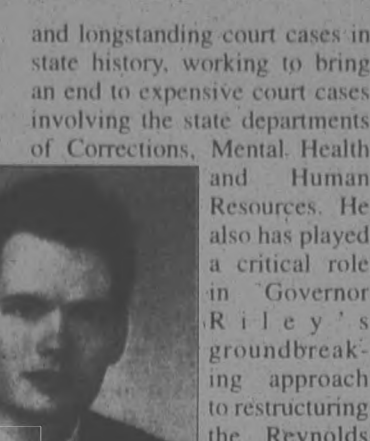
litigation involving the state of Alabama. As legal advisor, he planned and filed pleadings, devised

strategies, and litigated cases in state and federal courts on behalf of the governor, and developed plans to defend and conclude major class action litigation. Specifically, King has represented the state of Alabama in some of the most complex

and longstanding court cases in state history, working to bring an end to expensive court cases involving the state departments of Corrections, Mental Health and Human Resources. He also has played a critical role in Governor Riley's groundbreaking approach to restructuring the Reynolds lawsuit against the State Department of Transportation, one of the state's longest-running law

suits that has created a terrible drain on state resources. King helped devise the state's current strategy to attack the lawsuit by restricting the plaintiffs' ability to generate frivolous claims and by reducing legal fees for the state.

As Governor Riley's legal advisor, King worked tirelessly to bring competition to state contracts, bringing more accountability to state government and reducing costs to taxpayers. He has traveled the state lecturing for reform and accountability and speaking out against voter fraud and public corruption. King also worked on the staff of Governor Fob James in 1995, serving as deputy legal



Troy King

adviser, deputy chief of staff and acting chief of staff. He also taught business law as an adjunct professor at Troy State University Montgomery in 1999. From January 18, 1999, to January 20, 2003, King served in the Opinions Division of the Attorney General's office, where he drafted opinions for Attorney General Bill Pryor to advise government officials of the law, served as in-house counsel to the Lieutenant Governor, and represented other state agencies as their staff counsel.

King is married to the former Paige Pinson of Montgomery, where they have resided since 1995. King is a deacon at First Baptist Church in Montgomery, where he and his wife teach children's Sunday School.

They have three children, son Briggs and daughters Colden and Asher.

Troy is the son of Bobby and Nattie King, now of Montgomery and the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Robert King and the late Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Jones, all of Elba.

During Coffee County Commission meeting

Resident expresses concern regarding danger of unpaved road

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Commission listened Monday, March 8, as one resident expressed concern regarding the danger of traveling along the unpaved county road in which she lives.

Wanda Kelley, a resident of County Road 517 for the past 28 years, told commissioners she wanted to add her point of view surrounding the ongoing dilemma of paving the road.

"This is not a new issue," Kelley said in regards to getting the road paved. "It stays in the forefront of our minds because it is an every day travel."

Kelley said in the past 28 years she has lived on the road; it has never been widened to any extent, and this creates dangerous traveling conditions.

"I don't understand why in 2004 two cars can't meet and pass one another on a road," said Kelley. "I can't impress upon you how dangerous this road is to travel."

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motorists travel at high rates of speed disregarding the dangers created from the narrow road.

In regards to getting the road paved, Kelley said all residents owning property have signed deeds for the right-of-way except three landowners. She said she personally has spoken with these three people, and each has reasons for not signing.

Kelley said it's evident these three landowners are not going to sign the deeds; therefore, she asked, "What are we waiting for?"

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PANCAKES AND FELLOWSHIP...Members of the Elba Lions Club were all smiles last Saturday morning, March 6, as community residents attended the club's annual Pancake Breakfast Day. The pancake breakfast is a fund raising event for the club as it strives to support projects to help people and organizations. In the past, the pancake breakfast has allowed the Elba Lions Club to assist the Alabama Sight Conservation, Camp Seale Harris, Southeast Leader Dog School, American Diabetes Association, Elba D.A.R.E. Program, Elba Boy Scout Troop 37 and local sight programs. Shown above enjoying the freshly prepared pancakes and sausage, as well as, one another's company are (from left) Elba residents Ruth Inman, Agnes Wilson and Anyce Brazelton. The young men of Elba Boy Scout Troop 37 assisted Lions Club members with the annual breakfast event.

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However, his motion died on the table for lack of a second. Commissioner Doug Dalrymple said the problem with paying residents for right-of-way is that sooner or later everyone will want to be paid.

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Sen. Shelby to address Coffee County residents at town meeting

U. S. Sen. Richard C. Shelby (R-Ala.) will address Coffee County residents at a town meeting on Wednesday, March 17, 2004 at 2:00 pm.

The meeting will be held in Enterprise at the City Hall, 501 South Main Street. Sen. Shelby will discuss his legislative agenda for the second session of the 108th Congress.

As well as important issues facing the nation and the state of Alabama. Following his remarks, Sen. Shelby will open the floor to questions and comments from those in attendance.

Sen. Shelby said, "Over the years, these meetings have provided an excellent opportunity for area residents to listen and voice their opinions on the activities of our government. I look forward to discussing the important issues facing our state and our nation in the second session of the 108th Congress."

Sen. Shelby has held over 1000 county meetings since being elected to serve the state of Alabama. As part of his commitment to Alabamians, Sen. Shelby holds a meeting in each county once a year.

This meeting is open to the public, and members of the media are welcome and encouraged to attend.

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EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS
With Fern Cox

Elba native Troy King is now the Attorney General for the state of Alabama. It remains to be seen if this 35-year-old Elba native can do the job well enough in the next two years to convince the people of Alabama that he is the man for a full term in the office. He must know that the Democrats are already after him... simply because he is from that "other" party. Troy's credentials are good and he is squeaky clean, all of which is strongly in his favor. He even said the right things Monday afternoon at the swearing in ceremony. He thanked his wife for her patience and boy... patience she must have! The new AG also noted "it's my children's eyes that guide me in what I have to do" and folks that is a great guide which will sit well with the family types on the voters lists all across Alabama.

The 2004 elections are getting underway in Alabama, at least the primary races are slowly beginning as political candidates step forward and place their names in the pot. In Coffee County the Republicans have been qualifying for several weeks and Tuesday night the Democrats officially cranked off. Between now and May it will get a lot more heated in several of the races while some at this point appear to have already been conceded to the incumbents.

While we have no idea what Senator Ted Kennedy's hang up is with Bill Pryor as a federal judge, Pryor is conservative and Kennedy is a flaming liberal and that is the main difference we see. They definitely don't sing off the same page of the song book. Kennedy was very, very vocal with his opposition to Pryor's nomination as a federal judge every time the name came up in Washington hearings. Now that he has been named to the position in a way used many times before... as a presidential appointment during a congressional recess... Kennedy is howling again. This tactic has been used by both parties previously, but the party on the outside always cries foul, even though the appointee can only sit on the bench in this case until 2005 unless officially appointed by Congress. Maybe Kennedy is afraid that after Bill Pryor gets to Atlanta and people realize the man doesn't have horns, makes reasonable decisions, etc., he will actually get the coveted nomination and lifetime position.

There is a group in Alabama dedicated to getting more and more special deals for the state's four race tracks (or should we say racetrack owners). Every session of the legislature faces yet another bill giving these folks special concessions. Every reason in the book has been used... employment, keep the money at home, textbooks for our children, etc., and right now the pr theme is all the money the racetracks "give" to charity. Probably most of this money is required by the laws that established them but either way it's money that came out of the pockets of mostly working class folks. These people have a dream of big wins to solve all their financial problems when the truth of the matter is only rarely does that happen. We are constant in our bellyaching... don't do this for a few racetrack owners, the people of Alabama don't own these folks a cotton picking thing. If you are going to open parts of Alabama up to any kind of gambling, give all 67 counties the same deal and tax the gambling as much as the other states tax the process. But then who is making the big campaign donations? The thoughts of most Alabamians is that passing these bills is dividends for generous campaign givings and other perks which are so freely offered and gladly accepted.



SUCCESS IN THE GARDEN...Orejo Johnson knows how to grow rutabagas. Evidence of this statement can be found simply by looking at his current homegrown rutabaga crop. His wife, Geraldine, is shown above displaying three huge rutabagas picked from their garden this week. Each rutabaga weighed anywhere from 5.7 pounds with all three having a total weight of 17.5 pounds. As for the taste test, Geraldine said the vegetables are as tender and tasty as any she has ever cooked.

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D.A.R.E. CONTEST WINNERS...Students involved in the Coffee County Schools' D.A.R.E. Program recently competed in the D.A.R.E. Box Contest. According to Coffee County D.A.R.E. officer Kent Reynolds, the D.A.R.E. classes at Kinston, New Brockton and Zion Chapel each designed a D.A.R.E. Box, and a winning class was chosen for each school along with an overall winner. The overall winner of the D.A.R.E. Box contest was Ginger Vinson's class from Zion Chapel School. Reynolds said students place questions in the box concerning anything from drugs, alcohol and the D.A.R.E. program to law enforcement in general. He said he answers these questions in class. On Monday, March 8, Reynolds treated Vinson's class (shown above) to a pizza party, and Coffee County Sheriff Ben Moates made a special appearance to speak to the students.

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, Mar. 1, 2004, investigated the following incidents: one reckless endangerment, one theft, one incident, five for harassing communications, one identity theft, one duty to upon striking, two for criminal mischief, one theft of property, one breaking and entering a motor vehicle, three for domestic violence, one domestic disturbance, one violation of a restraining order and one driving under the influence.

The following arrests were made: one for driving under the influence, one for receiving stolen property, one warrant, two for failure to appear and one for domestic violence.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: four for speeding, one for an expired tag, one for running a red light and one for driving with a suspended driver's license.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:
MONDAY, MAR. 1 - Disturbance reported at 1584 Caroline St. (12:05 a.m.); River stage - 11:34 feet (6:09 a.m.); Disturbance reported on Parker St. (8:00 p.m.).

TUESDAY, MAR. 2 - River stage - 9:95 feet (7:06 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1068 Morrow Ave. (8:04 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, MAR. 3 - River stage - 8:96 feet (6:48 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 617 Mullins Circle (4:37 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 672 Herman Druggers Dr. (8:17 p.m.); Fight in progress reported at the Elba Shell Station (8:26 p.m.); Alarm

THURSDAY, MAR. 4 - Report of shots fired in the area of Hwy. 203 and Reese Ave. (9:20 a.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to a grass fire along the roadway on County Rd. 364 (7:14 p.m.); Fight in progress reported at 1032 Martin Luther King Dr. (10:04 p.m.).

FRIDAY, MAR. 5 - Burglary (not in progress) reported at 627 Lee St. (3:14 p.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to a woods fire on Hwy. 87 S. (6:32 p.m.); Disturbance (loud music) reported near Reynolds St. and Martin Luther King Dr. (6:59 p.m.); Disturbance (possible fight) reported at the Shell Station (11:22 p.m.).

SATURDAY, MAR. 6 - Domestic disturbance (in progress) reported at 1530 Powell Circle (11:22 a.m.); Disturbance (loud music) reported near Jones and Reynolds streets (5:54 p.m.); Disturbance (crowd) reported on Caroline St. near Westside Church (6:56 p.m.); Disturbance (loud noise) reported on Plant Ave. (9:17 p.m.); Domestic disturbance (not in progress) reported at 1591 Caroline St. (10:18 p.m.); Disturbance (crowd and noise) reported along Caroline St. and Plant Ave. (11:13 p.m.); Civil disturbance reported on Caroline St. and Plant Ave. (11:35 p.m.).

SUNDAY, MAR. 7 - Domestic disturbance reported at 1310 Stoudemire St. (2:08 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to County Rd. 235 (8:42 a.m.); Assault in progress reported in the parking lot of the Big Little store (9:01 a.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at 1591 Caroline St. (9:18 p.m.).

BULLOCK COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT RECEIVES NEW ISO CLASSIFICATION

Effective March 1, 2004, the Bullock Community Volunteer Fire Department has received a new Insurance Services Office (ISO) classification of 7/9. The former classification was 9/8. The new classification of 7/9 means that our community's fire suppression services have improved. Community members who own property (homes, businesses, etc.) located within five road miles of the Bullock Community Volunteer Fire Department fire station and are also located within 1,000 feet of a fire hydrant should contact their insurance agent for a possible reduction in insurance premiums.

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Education benefits, Ch. 35 increased to \$788 for full-time study, to \$592 for three-quarter study, and \$394 for half-time study. For further information contact your local Veterans Affairs office. In Coffee County contact Robert Lolley at 894-5858.

REMINDER

There will be a meeting for all members of the Ma-Chis Lower Creek Indian Tribe of Alabama on Sunday, March 14, at 2 p.m. at 201 E. McKinnon St., New Brockton.

Operation "Threads of Hope" designed to reach soldiers

Operation "Threads of Hope" has been implemented to let all active duty National Guard men and women know they are appreciated and to encourage them.

The objectives of the program are to place CD players in the hands of all National Guard soldiers, place one 80 minute "Threads of Hope" CD and batteries with each player, and enable these young men and women to receive and play CD's sent to them by their families, churches and friends.

Those interested in participating with this program are asked to either buy a jogging CD player and batteries or donate \$30.

Any monetary donations should be made payable to: Bethany Radio Network/Operation Threads of Hope.

All players, batteries and monies should be delivered or mailed to Bethany Radio at 2573 Hodgesville Road, Dothan, AL 36301 no later than Monday, March 15.

Locally, participants can drop their donations by the Elba Chamber of Commerce office, and the materials will be forwarded to Bethany Radio.

BULLETIN BOARD

• ABUSING CHEMICAL SUBSTANCES THROUGH CHRIST A.R.M.S. addiction recovery ministry services - Thurs. 7 p.m. - 10 p.m. at Church. Call 565-9270 or visit the website: www.innspire.com

• SOCIAL SECURITY REP. Courthouse 4th Tues. 12:30-1:30. Call FREE 1-800-772-1213

• ROTARY CLUB - Tuesday @ Noon-First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall

• ELBA CITY COUNCIL - 2nd & 4th Monday 6 p.m. - City Hall

• WATER & ELECTRIC - Tuesday following 2nd Monday 6 p.m. - City Hall

• ELBA MINISTERIAL ASSN. - Tues. 8 a.m. Elba United Methodist Church on Hwy. W. Davis St. Maggie Gurnett Classroom

• ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD - 1st Thurs. 5:30 p.m. - 8 p.m. - City Hall

• AMERICAN LEGION - 1st Tuesdays of every month 7:30 p.m. - Legion Hall, Troy Hwy.

• MASON LODGE 129 - 1st & 3rd Monday of each month 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. - Elba High School

• BAND BOOSTERS - 1st Mon. 7 p.m. - Band Room at Elba High School

• VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER - 1st Tues. 12 noon & 12:30 - 4:30 New Brockton 9th Farm Center Complex 894-5858

• COFFEE COUNTY COON HUNTERS ASSN. - 3rd Sat. 3 p.m. - Club House

• COFFEE REPUBLICAN WOMEN - 3rd Wed. Noon - Colony Inn, Enterprise

• ELBA AIRPORT AUTHORITY - 2nd Thursday at noon, Driscoll Hangar at the Airport

• AARP meets every 3rd Tuesday night of the month

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

Good day and I hope this correspondence finds all in Elba doing well today. Recently, I celebrated my one year anniversary working on Lockheed Martin's F/A-22A Raptor stealth aircraft program. We take a tremendous amount of pride in our work at Lockheed Martin and the contributions the F/A-22 program means to our nation's defense. Coming from a small town only increases the pride I feel in mine, as well as my coworkers', accomplishments. Through diligence, military service and advanced education, I was able to achieve my childhood goals and work on such an incredible aircraft. Further a small town heritage and the pride associated with a small community were central in my desire to succeed.

Before coming to the F/A-22 Raptor program, I graduated from Elba High School in 1982 and completed a tour in the Marines and earned a reserve commission in the Alabama Army National Guard, following my enlistments, I graduated from Faulkner

University and MacArthur Technical College. After completing my college education, I began work with Raytheon's Special Operations Forces Support Activity in Florida and Kentucky. During my 6-year employment with Raytheon, I was fortunate enough to work on some of the most sophisticated aviation equipment operated by our military's Special Operations force. These included the AC-130 Hercules gunship, which provides airborne fire support for conventional and Special Operations forces and the MH-53 Pave Low helicopter, which is designed for operation during day or night, in adverse weather, for infiltration, exfiltration, and resupply of special operations forces. The MH-53 is also the world's most sophisticated helicopter.

When I began work with Lockheed Martin, I relocated and worked in Owego, New York, where I served as lead on technical documentation programs for Marine Corps ground electronic warfare platforms. I then transferred to Marietta, GA, where I initially supported

C-130 Hercules aircraft operated by foreign military customers. On the F/A-22 Raptor program, I develop and manage modification and airframe improvement procedures for production aircraft in conjunction with Boeing and Pratt & Whitney.

I wanted take the opportunity to share the F/A-22 program with our community. Best regards to everyone in Elba,
Toby Trout

Dear Sir/Ma'am:

I am writing in support of our President, George Bush. I ask, as a veteran and resident of Alabama and an American, for your support of our President in his bid for reelection. I do feel he is the best man to lead our country and carry her forward to a secure and bright future. I will be watching your newspapers for support and an extra "Push" in his reelection efforts. Thank you for your support in advance.

Sincerely,
Gary Robinson
Dothan, Alabama

Boating Safety Course to be offered

Lurleen B. Wallace

Community College - MacArthur Campus will offer a Boating Safety Course on Monday, April 5, and Tuesday, April 6. This course will be held from 6-9:30 p.m. each in the Conference Center Building.

This classroom course is approved by the Alabama Marine Police Division. Taking the boater certification course will enable participants to comply with the Alabama Boater Certification Law. Participants will also be eligible for a discount on their boat of PWC (jet ski) insurance with the most providers.

The Boating Safety Course will cover general information concerning safety equipment, survival, navigation, right-of-way situations, legal require-

ments, and all phases of boating except charting.

Participants must be at least 12 years of age to enroll in the Boating Safety Course. All persons 12 years of age and older who operate a motorized vessel on Alabama waters must be certified. Any boat operator who was born prior to April 28, 1954 is exempt from examination. Participants must attend both nights of the course. There is no charge to attend this course.

Participants who pass the boater certification test will receive a Boating Course Certificate of Completion from the Alabama Marine Police Division.

For more information or to register, contact the MacArthur Campus at (334) 493-3573, ext. 5344.

CARD OF THANKS

HUDSON FAMILY

The family of Kate Hayes Hudson wants to thank friends and relatives for the prayers, flowers, food, telephone calls, cards and other acts of love during our beloved Mother, Grandmother and Great-Grandmother's illness and death.

May God bless you.
Mac and Miriam McKnight
Larry, Margaret and Heather Rhoades
Vince, Pam, Bradley and Garrett Bowers
Tim, Debbie, Brent and Brandon Bowers

BRYAN FAMILY

We the family of Jimmy Bryan wish to thank all of our family and friends for their prayers, visits and phone calls during his illness and death. We thank you for the food and beautiful flowers.

To those of you who came to the visitation and funeral, you may never know the comfort it gave us and how much it meant to us. We appreciate the dignified funeral Hayes Funeral Home conducted. The beautiful funeral service will remain special to us.
The Family of Jimmy Bryan



IT HAPPENED THIS WEEK!



Courtesy of the Smithsonian Institution

When two men had the world's first telephone conversation on March 10, 1876, the communications began. This occurred three days after one of the men had received a patent for the telephone. Who were they and what were the first words spoken? Try to find the answer or visit us for more information!

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Courtesy of the Smithsonian Institution

The community of Fairhope was founded in 1894 by followers of minister Henry George. He believed in the ownership of all lands, except for a tax on land. As a result, Fairhope was known as a "single tax" community. According to the city's history, no home is believed to have come from one of the original owners who repaid the tax and the town had a fair hope of success.

Learn more about Fairhope and visit us at:
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HERO OR VILLAIN?

Until the Mexican Revolution, he survived as a bandit, but his habit of distributing a portion of the money he stole to the poor had elevated him to folk hero status in Northern Mexico.

The morning sun was hours away on March 2, 1916, as a Mexican revolutionary leader Pancho Villa crossed the American border into New Mexico. Shortly after 4 AM, he and his five hundred heavily armed raiders swept down on the small border town of Columbus, for the next three hours, they stormed through the town, looting, burning and killing.

The town's three hundred residents and the 120 soldiers housed at the local army outpost were sound asleep, with only a single guard on duty. Scrambling to defend the town, the soldiers poured out of the fort. When the ensuing battle ended, seventeen Americans and nearly one hundred Mexicans lay dead. The first day by foreign forces on American soil since the War of 1812 was over.

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Obituaries

JEROME PRUITT

Mr. Jerome Pruitt died March 2, 2004. He was born in Elba Oct. 9, 1947, and was preceded in death by his parents, Willie and Odessa Pruitt and a sister, Tyrone, Elba, five siblings: Pearllyn Lynch and Bernice Pruitt, Elba; John William Pruitt, Bridgeton, N.J.; Johnny James (Doretha) Pruitt, Fitzgerald, Ga.; Mae Dean Robinson, Atlanta, Ga.; Shirley Ann Barnes, Hinesville, Ga.; three grandchildren: Randall,

Elba; with Hammond Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include three daughters: Felecia and Angela, Sarasota, Fla.; and Valerie, Elba; two sons: Waverly, Opp, and Tyrone, Elba, five siblings: Pearllyn Lynch and Bernice Pruitt, Elba; John William Pruitt, Bridgeton, N.J.; Johnny James (Doretha) Pruitt, Fitzgerald, Ga.; Mae Dean Robinson, Atlanta, Ga.; Shirley Ann Barnes, Hinesville, Ga.; three grandchildren: Randall,

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Pancho Villa's troops in Columbus, New Mexico, 1916.

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Next Week: Chasing Pancho Villa.

THE WEB JOURNEY

A Secret Ransom Payment to Mexico's Pancho Villa

It was the end of the 1900s that documents confirming the Wells Fargo Company paid a \$50,000 ransom to Pancho Villa were discovered. The 1999 article discloses the contents of the documents and describes how the Bancroft Library at the University of California acquired them.

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CHURCH & AREA NEWS



PSALM 4's debut recording "He's With Me" CD release concert will be held Sunday, March 14 at 6:30 p.m. at Hillcrest Baptist Church in Enterprise, AL.

For more information call: (334) 347-6755 or (334) 897-8059. Hillcrest Baptist Church, (334) 347-2516.

QUARTET MEMBERS are from left: Bo Campbell, Buck Gaines and Matt Geringer with Fred Mallory seated.

Benefit Gospel Singing & Bar-B-Q to be held at Shiloh Baptist Church

Benefit Bar-B-Q and gospel singing will be held March 20, 2004 at Shiloh Baptist Church for someone who has had an extended illness. Bar-B-Q plates will be ready at 5:30 p.m. Donations will be accepted.

PASTOR'S CORNER

Rev. Richard Kyles - Associate Pastor
Greater New Zion Baptist Church

Among the Jews the question, "Who is my neighbor?" caused endless dispute. They had no doubt as to the heathen and the Samaritans. These were strangers and enemies. But where should the distinction be made among the people of their own nation and among the different classes of society? Whom should the priest, the rabbi, and the elder, regard as neighbor? The question Christ answered in the Parable of the Good Samaritan. He showed the neighbor does not mean someone who needs help. Our neighbor is to be a neighbor to all. Our neighbor is anyone who needs help. Our neighbor is also someone who has been hurt by the adversary. The Bible says "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." The Parable of the Good Samaritan was called forth by a question put to Christ by a doctor of law. As the Savior was teaching, "a certain lawyer" stood up and tempted him saying, "Master, what shall I do to inherit the eternal life?" This question is one that we need to ask over and over. God is waiting on you. He's standing with his arms stretched open wide.

We need to wake up and be good Samaritans. God can use you, when your heart, mind, body, and soul is clean. We may claim to believe every word of God, but this will do our neighbor no good unless one belief is carried into our daily life. Our profession may be as high as heaven, but it will save neither ourselves nor our fellow men unless we are Christians. A right example will do more to benefit the world than all our profession. I encourage you today let us help one another and let it come from the heart. So I ask you again, "Are you my neighbor?"

ROUND & ABOUT WITH ERIA 897-2006

SCRIPTURE: LUKE 9:1-17
***THINKING OF YOU, PRAYING FOR YOU. The Pruitt, Grace, Warren and Levin families, Helen Folmar, Johnnie Ruth Belcher, Kary Nell Horstead, Frank Mount, Lena Sims, Ruth Belcher, Lovie Hooks.

***MARCH BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES
Charlie K. Jordan, Jr. - March 8; Deborah Siler-March 8; Rico Cooks-March 8; Keith & Sunny Ellison-March 9; W.A. & Gladys Wright - March 9; Minnie Daniels - March 11; Yasmine Yelverton - March 11; Jerry McMillan - March 12; Timothy Tillis - March 13; Ashley Carpenter - March 13.

***32nd ANNUAL SESSION of the Mulberry District Laymen's Convention will be held at the Mulberry District Association Building, Elba, Ala. March 12 & 13, 2004. Rev. W.L. Peterson will be the moderator. Bro. J. L. Williams is the president. Bro. Tommy Deveridge is secretary.

On Friday night-March 12, services will begin at 6:00 p.m. and Saturday morning, March 13, will begin at 9:00 a.m.

***YOUTH REVIVAL STADY GROVE A.M.E. CHURCH, Elba, Alabama will be March 22-24, 2004 beginning at 7:00 p.m. The guest minister will be Elder Jimmy Jackson, Spring Hill, Alabama.

***MILTON E. BELCHER and Minister Benjie J. Belcher, Montgomery, Alabama, Rev. Joyce Belcher Johnson, Tusculumbia, Alabama, & Eria Lindsey Belcher, Elba, Alabama, attended the University of Alabama School of Law Black Students Association's Third Annual Alumni Scholarship Banquet at the Harbert Center in Birmingham, Alabama the past weekend.

Attend the church of your choice this Sunday



Milt E. Belcher
Belcher named 2004 Alumni honoree

Milt E. Belcher is an Administrative Law Judge (Administrative Hearings Division), in the Alabama Attorney General's office, appointed in April 2002, in the Attorney General's office.

This division provides a central panel of administrative law judges to hear and render decisions in administrative hearings for 26 state agencies, boards and commissions.

On March 5, 2004 Belcher was selected by the BLSA's (Black Law Students Association) as their 2004 Alumni Honoree. He was presented an award at the Third Annual Alumni Scholarship Banquet at the Harbert Center in Birmingham, Alabama. The theme was "Realizing the Dream: Celebrating Past Accomplishments and providing Future Opportunities."

Mr. Belcher joined the Attorney General's Office in 1976, and is presently an Attorney IV (the highest level of state attorneys). He formerly was the Chief of the General Civil Litigation Section in the Attorney General's office and also the Attorney General's Office Coordinator for Mandatory Continuing Legal Education programs. All state attorneys in order to remain licensed, are required to have 12 hours of annual participation in

these legal education programs. In August 2000, Dean Kenneth Randall appointed him to the Law School Foundation's Board of Directors for the University of Alabama School of Law. He is the co-author of the 1988 publication, "The Black Male in Alabama: A Demographic Portrait." His 1990 personal update of that book is entitled, "Arresting The Plague Among Black Males - Let the Healing Begin."

He is admitted to practice law in all state and federal courts in Alabama, Washington D.C., and the U.S. Supreme Court. He is a former adjunct professor at Jones Law School and Tuskegee University, and presently at Auburn University at Montgomery.

Mr. Belcher was born in Elba, and is one of Eria and the late Grover Belcher's nine children. In 1966, he was the first African American to enroll and graduate from Elba High School. He obtained his Bachelor of Science Degree in Political Science from Tuskegee University in 1970; he attended the University of Kentucky School of Law, and received his law degree from the University of Alabama in 1976; and a Masters' degree in Criminal Justice from Auburn University at Montgomery in 1980. He also served on active and reserve military duty as an Army Officer in the United States, Africa, Korea, and Germany. He is currently retired from military duty as a Major Senior Grade, after 22 years of military service.

Today is a good day. Be grateful. Eria

Youth Conference set for March 12-14 in New Brockton
The 27th Annual Youth Conference sponsored by the Refuge Pentecostal Church will be held March 12-14 at the Farm Center in New Brockton. Service for March 12 will be 7:00 p.m., March 13, 10:30 A.M. and 7:00 p.m., March 14, 10:30 a.m.

Faith Assembly of God to celebrate homecoming

There will be a homecoming at the Faith Assembly of God on Sunday, March 14th at 11:00 a.m. Rev. Ed Wilson will be speaking. Lunch will be served. Boundless Love will be singing in the afternoon service. The Pastor is Huey Anderson. Faith Assembly of God is located at 499 Meredith St. Enterprise, AL. For more information call (334) 894-6371 or (334) 393-6620.

Hot Cross Buns to be available at St. John Catholic Church

Hot Cross Buns! Hot Cross Buns! Special order \$5.00 per dozen. Hot Cross Buns! Available during Lent, February 25-April 11, St. John Catholic Church for Relay for Life, American Cancer Society. Also available are cute little "Cancer Critters" for \$5.50 of that going to fight cancer. Call 347-0533 or 347-2111 to order.

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Hartford FUMC planning trip out West

Hartford First United Methodist Church's "Leisure Ministry" will conduct a trip to the "Great American West" and "America's National Parks" Sept. 5-12, 2004. The group will travel by Deluxe Motorcoach.

Places of interest will include Mt. Rushmore, The Badlands, Yellowstone, The Rockies, Grand Canyon, Zion National Park, Colorado Springs and much more.

Interested persons may contact Fran Washington at 334/588-6211 to place a deposit and assure a space on the tour.

LIFESTYLES



MISS SANDRA FLOWERS was honored with a bridal shower as her family and friends joined in with her to enjoy the celebration. The color schemes were purple, lavender, and silver. Miss Flowers received a lot of gifts.



Lois Hudson

Lois Hudson celebrates 95th birthday

Lois Bowers Hudson celebrated her 95th birthday Tuesday, March 9.

Accompanied by her children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and great great-grandchildren, Sunday afternoon, March 7, with a birthday reception as family and friends gathered at her home to enjoy birthday cake and punch.

Among those present were several five generations of the Hudson family.

Mrs. Hudson is the mother of Trudie Bryan, Mildred Cosby, Leroy Hudson and Harold Hudson.

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The program always includes great overtures, Sousa marches and Broadway show tunes. This year's program includes Von Suppe's great overture "Morning, Noon, and Night in Vienna", selections from the Broadway show "Camelot" along with several Sousa Marches.

The Band will also feature Mr. Ray Smith, considered by many to be the premier wind teacher and performer in Alabama. Mr. Smith will play a special number written by Mr. Ralph Ford, especially for him.

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The Southeast Alabama Dance Co. to present Alice in Wonderland

The Southeast Alabama Dance Company will present Lewis Carroll's timeless classic Alice in Wonderland. There will also be new works presented in jazz, modern, and ballet choreographed especially for the company.

The Southeast Alabama Dance Company will present special school show performances for children throughout the Wiregrass area at the Dothan Opera House on Friday, April 2nd at 9:00 am and 11:15 am.

An event for children and their adult companions will be The Mad Hatter Tea Party held prior to the Sunday matinee performance on April 4th at 1:30 pm at the Dothan Opera House. Share tea and sumptuous treats.

Alice, the Mad Hatter, the Cheshire cat and other Alice in Wonderland characters. Guests will have the opportunity to autograph signing of their programs and taking of photos with their favorite characters. Tickets are \$10.00 and information is available by contacting the SEADAC office, (702-7139).

Alice in Wonderland will have performances for the general public on Saturday, April 3rd at 2:30 pm and at 8:00 pm, and Sunday, April 4th at 2:30 pm at the Dothan Opera House. Tickets are \$15.00 and available for purchase at the Dothan Civic Center ticket office, (615-3175).

Tickets go on sale March 22nd. On Friday, April 2nd at 6:00 pm the performance will be offered to non-profit groups for a reduced price, call the SEADAC office to receive more information on this special opportunity.

Call the SEADAC office for more information about the school shows, The Mad Matter Tea Party, or the general performances (702-7139).

Dr. Seuss stamps available at Enterprise Post Office

On March 3rd the Dr. Seuss stamp went on sale nationwide. This issuance honors Theodor Seuss Geisel, better known as the beloved author of Dr. Seuss, on the 100th anniversary of his birth. In partnership with the Enterprise Chamber of Commerce, the Post Office has a special cancellation "Enterprise Reads Across America" which will be available for the next 30 days. Dr. Seuss stamps may be purchased and affixed to any article for cancellation at the Enterprise Post Office.

During the month of March school programs all across America invite community leaders into classrooms to read. The local Post Office would like to take the spirit of reading and writing across America by encouraging students to make pen pals. Reading and writing letters is a fun way to practice skills with the added pleasure of making new friends.

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Miss Rugg & Mr. Cotton to wed March 13

The marriage of Wyndi Rugg and Chad Cotton will be solemnized at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, March 13, 2004 in the Zion Chapel Baptist Church.

The couple, along with their parents Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Rugg and Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Ray Cotton, invite all friends and relatives to attend this happy occasion.

Annual Relay For Life to be held May 14 in Enterprise

The annual Relay for Life for Coffee County will be held May 14, 2004 at the Enterprise-Ozark Junior College with the theme "Time in a Cure." The public from all over the county is invited with no pets or alcohol permitted. The opening ceremony will be at 6:00 p.m. There will be games for the little ones from 5:00-6:00. There will be \$500 given away at 11:00. A relay starting with a special Survivor Lap will walk around the track to honor those with cancer. Luminaries are set up around the inside of the track and will be lit at 9:00 p.m. For \$5 the name in honor of a person who has or has had cancer or the name in memory of a person who died from cancer will be placed on each luminary and can be seen by anyone going around the track. These can be purchased from any Relay for Life team member. The theme this year is Time in a Cure. Plaques will be given out during the Relay for many criteria, one of which will be the campsite best demonstrating the theme. This is a good chance to cook out, eat, and visit with friends, new and old, and to help and remember those who have or have had cancer.

Anyone wishing to volunteer for the Relay or to form a team please call Dia Jones 389-2023.

Oriental for C.C. Pageants to be held March 14

There will be an orientation for the Coffee County pageants to be held March 14, 2004 at the Enterprise Recreation Center.

The age groups are: Little Miss Division, first grade only; Teen Miss, 7th, 8th, and 9th grade; and Miss Division, 17-21 years of age.

The orientations for each division will be held at different times. Little Miss orientation will be held 2:00-3:00 pm. The Teen Miss orientation will be at 3:00-3:30 pm. The last orientation, for the Miss division, will be from 3:30-4:30 pm.

Teen Miss Division will have a 7th grade queen, 8th grade queen, 9th grade queen, and an overall Teen Miss winner.

Entry forms will be handed out at the orientation.

For more information call Jennifer Gilley at 406-1002 or Teressa Dutton at 389-0500.

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Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc. Chapter 373 will hold it's February meeting on March 11, 2004. The meeting will be held at the Claychatchee Community House, which is located on Hwy 92 close to Providence Baptist Church. The meeting begins at 6:00 pm.

Veterans and their families are welcome to attend. Open to the public.

For more information call 347-1426 or 598-8804.

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SCHOOLS



Tiger Tales

Editors:
Brittany Cooper
& Christy Eubanks

Jr. High and high school bands perform at District

by Katie Driggers

Every year the Elba High School band travels to Troy State University to perform in the District Band Competition. This year since the band is so large, it was able to take two bands: Jr. High and High School.

District is where a concert band performs for three judges and is graded on how well the students play the prepared music. After the band plays its prepared pieces, the members are given music they have never seen and are judged on how well

they sight-read. On Thursday, Feb. 26, both bands set out for Troy. Both bands had been working equally hard for about two months on their prepared music.

The Junior High performed first. Their three songs were "Discovery," "March," and "Three Kentucky Sketches and Taliano Echoes." The junior high went on to sight-read while the high school band performed their music. The Liberty Bell March, Flourish for Wind Band and Three Avers from Gladiators. Both bands did their best and received high ratings.

LBW Jazz Ensemble entertains Elba students and faculty

by Meredith English

On Friday, Feb. 27, Lurleen B. Wallace College honored Elba City Schools by presenting its Jazz Ensemble and having the group perform for the students and faculty. The ensemble entertained the audience with classic hits such as Aretha Franklin's "Respect" and modern tunes such as Three Doors Down's "Here Without You" and everything in-between.

The ensemble consists of 22 members. Shelley Nall, Singer, Christine Kelley, Singer, Tanner Nall, Singer, Bo Lambert, Singer, Jacob Morgan, Singer, Tanna McVay, Trumpet Player, Shenna Pouncy, Trumpet Player, Stephanie Richoux, Soprano, Brooks Moore, Singer/Bass, Katie Cole, Singer.



Marcus Johnson, Singer, Kevin Bond, Percussion/Drums, Ty Andra Holley.

Percussion/Drums: Doug Martin, Tenor Sax, Johnathan Games, Synthesizer; Clint Philpot, Bass Guitar, Mike Armstrong, Trumpet, Chase Watson, Guitar, and Amanda Nall, Singer.

The performance was amusing and very entertaining. It given the chance, an opportunity to see the Lurleen B. Wallace Community College Jazz Ensemble wouldn't be one to pass up.

Thanks Lurleen B. Wallace Community College!

Co-Op Spotlight

by Katie Driggers

This week's Co-Op Spotlight is Miss Jennifer Grissett. She is employed at National Security. Jennifer is the 17-year-old daughter of Jerry and Janet Grissett. She is a junior at Elba High School involved in many clubs and organizations. She is an Ambassador, Senior Beta, Vice President of Girl Scout Troop, and is Color guard captain of the Elba High School Marching Tiger Band. Congratulations, Jennifer, and keep up the good work!!



Jennifer Grissett

Pennies for President results

by Christy Eubanks

This year's Pennies for President fundraiser was a big success. The Student Government Association sponsored the fundraiser, and the competition was divided into two divisions: lower elementary school and upper elementary school.

The lower elementary school winner was Mrs. Mitchell's class. They brought in 44 pounds of pennies. There were two winners in the upper elementary school division. The winning classes were Mrs. Wilson's and Mrs. Johnson's classes. Mrs. Wilson's class collected 18 1/2 pounds of pennies, and Mrs. Johnson's class brought in 21 pounds of pennies.

The total for all the pennies collected throughout the school was 321 pounds of pennies. The proceeds will be used to purchase a computer program that will enable the elementary school to produce computer-generated report cards and simplify attendance.

Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten Registration for the 2004-2005 school year at Elba Elementary School will be March 18th and 19th from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. at the elementary school.

The child must turn 5 years old on or before Sept. 2 in order to register. Parents should bring an Alabama state record, a birth certificate, and Social Security card with them at the time of registration.

Please bring your child with you to registration so that he or she may be screened for vision and hearing problems. Please call the school office at (334) 897-5574 for more information or if you have any questions.

The Peoples Bank plans Relay for Life softball tournament

The Peoples Bank of Coffee County announces its plans to sponsor a Relay for Life Softball Tournament in Elba.

The tournament will be a Men's Class C & D event and will be held Friday and Saturday, April 2 and 3, at the Hawkins Williams softball complex in Elba.

It will be a double elimination tournament with a four homerun limit per game. The entry fee will be \$10 per team, and only the first 20 teams will be taken. Deadline to enter is Wednesday, March 31.

The top four teams will receive trophies, and the winning team also will receive a t-shirt.

All proceeds from entry fees and concessions will go to the American Cancer Society Relay for Life. Please contact Renee Bradshaw or Melonice Blair at The Peoples Bank (897-2252) to enter.

Dates to Remember:

March 12 - Black and Gold Show
March 15 - Grandparent's Day
March 15 - PTO at 6 p.m.
March 22-26 - Spring Break
April 5-16 - Standard Achievement Tests
April 9 - Good Friday Holiday



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E.E.S. Menu March 15 - 19, 2004

BREAKFAST

Monday - Cinnamon Toast, Cheese Cereal, Juice, Milk
Tuesday - Pancake, Pup, Syrup, Cereal, Juice, Milk
Wednesday - Biscuit & Jelly, Sausage, Cereal, Juice, Milk
Thursday - Breakfast Pizza, Trail Mix, Cereal, Juice, Milk
Friday - Cheese Grits, Toast & Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk

LUNCH

Monday - Taco Salad, Corn on Cob, 1/2 Apple, Milk
Tuesday - Steak Burger, French Fries, Mixed Fruit, Milk
Wednesday - Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy, Green Beans, Roll, Jello, Milk
Thursday - Hot Dog, Tater Tots, Mixed Vegetables, Pineapple Pudding, Milk
Friday - Fried Chicken, Rice, English Peas, Roll, 1/2 Orange, Milk

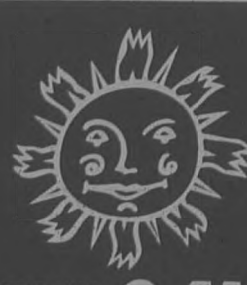
Eighth Grade Parents Night set for April 1

Elba High School will have 8th grade Parents Night. Shop the Classifieds! Shop the Classifieds! Shop the Classifieds!

Thursday, April 1, 2004, at 6:00 pm in the auditorium. Parents and students should attend this meeting to discuss important issues concerning their child's education for grades 9-12. Topics for discussion will be credits for graduation, advanced and standard diplomas, course selections, embedded credits, new graduation requirements, eligibility for extra-curricular activities and other topics of interest.

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Jr. Miss New Brockton Pageant. (Left to Right) 1st Place - Tori Stone, Winner - Whitney Donaldson, 2nd Place - Brandi Howard.



Miss New Brockton Pageant. (Left to Right) 1st Place - Lori Wade, Winner - Sonya Hornsby, 2nd Place - Sheri Eaton.

N.B.H.S. Faculty Spotlight

Mrs. Danna Hollis is a math teacher at New Brockton High School. She teaches math to grades 7th, 8th, 10th and 12th. She sponsors the Math Club, as well as the J.V. Cheerleaders.

Mrs. Hollis has one daughter, Chelsea, with her husband, Alan. She is originally from Wickburg where she graduated high school. After high school she attended TSUD.

In her spare time, she enjoys horseback riding (she owns three horses), fishing, camping, and watching Jimmy Johnson (her favorite Nascar driver) race. One of her hidden talents is that she is into arts and crafts.

She says she enjoys teaching math.

"I find it very challenging," said Mrs. Hollis. "The reward comes when you get the correct answer. Math is used everyday, by everyone, in all situations. That's why I feel it's important for students to have a full understanding of it."

She also tries to make her math class fun and exciting to reach her students.

"I use different techniques and hands-on manipulatives to help students understand," she said.

Mrs. Hollis knows that although teaching math is important, she attempts to teach her students self respect and respect for others.

When asked what she liked most about New Brockton High School, she said, "I like the fact that it's a small school. I'm used to a small school setting and feel it allows a closer relationship to build between teachers and students."

Mrs. Hollis has made many memories at New Brockton and when asked to describe one she said, "Everyday this year has created a fond memory for me. I really enjoy working with all of the teachers and staff and teaching each and every one of my students."

Garrett Roberts, E-Reporter
Rap/Pop/Rock
10. When I'm Gone - 3 Doors Down
9. Hey Ya! - Outkast
8. Shake Ya Tailfeather - Nelly, P. Diddy, Murphy Lee
7. In the Club - 50 Cent
6. Get Low - Lil Jon and the Eastside Boys

NB Elementary Book Fair March 8 - 12

Have a Safe and Enjoyable Spring Break!!



Sixth grade teacher Dana Padgett participated in 'Dr. Seuss Day' by dressing up as Raggedy Ann.

N.B.H.S. Students of the Month



Emilee Dunn - Emilee is the 8th grade daughter of Angie Oakes and Michael Dunn. She is involved in JV Softball, Gamecock Pride Marching Band, and Jr. Beta Club.

Hayden Smith - Hayden is the son of Leigh Moore and Kevin Smith. He is in the 7th grade and is involved in JV Football, JV Baseball, SGA, and VICA.

Amanda Estrada - (Not Pictured) - Amanda is a NBHS Senior and is the daughter of Art and Linda Estrada of New Brockton. She is a member of Senior Beta Club, VICA, Media Club, Yearbook Staff, FCLA, and FBLA, and also plays on the Lady Gamecock Basketball and Softball teams.



New Brockton Elementary School recently held an Invention Day with the students pictured above serving as participants. They include Marcus Culver, Heather Hendrix, Chase Hendrix and Garrett Moore.

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NBES celebrates birthday of Dr. Seuss



These teachers and students dressed up as Cat in the Hat



Sixth grade teacher Dana Padgett participated in 'Dr. Seuss Day' by dressing up as Raggedy Ann.



Thing 1, Thing 2 and Cat in the Hat look a lot like teachers Chris Sutley, reading coach, Jan Moore, third grade teacher, and Tracy Whittaker, librarian.



Attorney Stan Walker reads to Mrs. Colvin's kindergarten class.

Arbor Day Foundation giving free dogwood trees during March

Ten free white flowering dogwood trees will be given to each person who joins The National Arbor Day Foundation during March 2004.

The free trees are part of the nonprofit foundation's Trees for America campaign. The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting between March 1st and May 31st with enclosed planting instructions. The six to twelve inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge.

Members also receive a subscription to *Arbor Day*, the foundation's monthly publication, and *The Tree Book* with information about tree planting and care.

To become a member of the foundation and receive the free trees, send a \$10 contribution to TEN FREE DOGWOOD TREES, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by March 31, 2004.

Top 10 Songs most overplayed in 2003

1. When a new song comes out, especially when we enjoy it, we don't mind hearing it a few too many times. But after the 13 millionth playing of the song, it gets old. Last year, by the time December rolled around, there were countless songs we were tired of hearing, so here are the 10 most overplayed songs of 2003.
6. Big Star - Kenny Chesney
5. Wave on Wave - Pat Green
4. Beer for My Horses - Toby Keith and Willie Nelson
3. Red Dirt Road - Brooks and Dunn
2. Real Good Man - Tim McGraw
1. Five O'clock Somewhere - Alan Jackson and Jimmy Buffet

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The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Even though Melanie has been fifteen only a matter of weeks, she has already started looking at cars she would like to have when the day comes that she is sixteen and can drive by herself. I have heard that some of her friends have already asked if she will take them home from school, and Mom has already been told when she turns sixteen she will drive herself and Mom can go on the van. With gas prices going higher every day and the thought of another car insurance premium to pay, my gray hair might go from gray to white.

FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH....

*** The Elba Tigers opened their baseball season last week and rebounded from early week losses to Brantley and Zion Chapel to defeat New Brockton and avoided what could have been a disastrous 0-3 start. The Tigers fell behind early against Brantley and never really threatened to pull out the win, while in the one-run upset loss to Zion Chapel the Tigers owned the lead late, but simply lost to an opponent that may have wanted to win the game more than Elba did. The Tigers needed a win badly to stop the slide and came through Friday afternoon at home to post a solid win over New Brockton. Derrick Thomas had his second strong outing of the season on the mound and appears to be a solid #1 starter, while LaRay Williams continued his early-season success at the plate and has definitely emerged as a very good lead off hitter. Everyone knew before the season began that Elba would have to play well to win, no matter the opponent, and that has been the case for the Tigers in opening week action. While there are no easy wins on its schedule, Elba still has a pretty good high school baseball team and should get its share of wins if the players work hard and improve every time they take the field for practice and in a game.

*** The Elba Lady Tigers were expecting big things this season after posting a 24-6 late a year ago, but dropped two straight games at home last week and after a week of action owns a surprising 2-3 record. The Lady Tigers easily disposed of New Brockton 14-0 in the season opener, but lost to Andalusia 4-3 and Kinston 3-2 on their home field, and in the two losses failed to give up a single earned run. Elba has one of South Alabama's top young pitchers in Stephanie Baxley, and after three games the Lady Tiger ace has allowed no earned runs in 20 innings on the rubber, while allowing only 6 hits, no walks and striking out 31 batters. One problem is that Elba has made errors at critical times that have led to unearned runs being scored, while the other problem is that the Lady Tigers managed only 6 hits and 2 earned runs in the two losses. Now that fast pitch softball is in its third season most of the teams in the state have developed some pitching, and the Elba girls must hit the ball or an error or two in a game to lead to many more losses.

*** The Elba Junior Varsity baseball and softball teams have been busy in early-season play and both teams will wrap up their seasons next week. While the JV schedule is too short and barely gives the players time to find their right positions, it does give the youngsters the chance to travel and compete against teams from other towns and compare just how good they really are. In these days of budget cuts I realize that junior varsity athletics cannot become a burden, but maybe one day soon both the baseball and softball programs will be able to expand their JV programs and give the players even more of a chance to learn the game.

*** While most of the so-called experts have stated Alabama is a lock for the NCAA tournament, it will be interesting to see if Troy State can slip in the field as a low seed, or even as a play-in competitor. The Trojans played their worst basketball of the season in the conference tournament last week and were lucky to win a game, much less two. However, Troy State played well all season long and there is no doubt the Trojans have one of the best 65 college basketball teams in the nation. All the free rides to the conference tournament champions could keep the Trojans out, but if it does how about a first round NIT contest between Troy State and Auburn? That would fill Auburn's gym and create a lot of interest in all corners of the state. Oh well, just an idea!

*** I know that high school football is still a long way off and that Elba High doesn't even have a head coach on staff, but I learned last week that the Tigers would host Highland Home this year in the annual "Foggy Bottom Classic," and that homecoming this season would be against cross-country rival New Brockton. I am sure that all Elba Tiger and New Brockton Gamecock fans have already circled the dates for the first-ever meeting between the two teams, and now that it will be Elba's homecoming, a huge crowd should be on hand for the historic match-up. As fast as the days have going by recently the 2004 high school football season will be here before you know it.

*** In closing... I read in the paper last week that Peyton Manning had received a \$34.5 million signing bonus to remain with the Colts, but that his annual salary had actually been lowered by one million dollars. The wording of the new contract no doubt gave the Colts extra room under the salary cap. However, the check for \$34.5 million had to at least lower the balance in their checking account just a little.

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Snap two-game losing streak

Elba Tigers bounce 'Brockton 8-3



MATTHEW CURRAN (9) eyes a pitch during recent baseball action. The Tigers closed out the opening week of action with an 8-3 win over New Brockton.

Elba opens baseball season with tough road losses to Brantley and Zion Chapel

The Elba Tigers opened their baseball season last week with a pair of road games and dropped both contests to slip to 0-2 in early-season action.

The Tigers opened the season on Tuesday afternoon in Brantley and dropped an 8-1 decision to the Brantley Bulldogs, then headed up the road to Zion Chapel on Thursday afternoon and were upset by the Zion Chapel Rebels 6-5.

Following are highlights of both games:

BRANTLEY 8

ELBA 1

The Elba Tigers managed only five hits and one run last Tuesday afternoon in a season-opening 8-1 loss to the Brantley Bulldogs, in Brantley. Brantley scored one run on one hit in the opening inning to grab a quick 1-0 lead, while the Tigers pulled even at 1-1 in the third when Brandon Wilson ripped a lead-off double, moved a third on a sacrifice bunt by Aaron Harrelson and scored on an RBI single by LaRay Williams.

The Bulldogs combined one hit and one walk in the bottom of the fourth to regain the lead at 2-1, then collected three hits in the fifth and added two runs to open up a 4-1 advantage.

Elba managed only one base runner over the final two innings, but Brantley plated four runs in the sixth and easily held on in the seventh to post the 8-1 win.

LaRay Williams had 2 hits to lead Elba at the plate, while Ralston Moore, Derrick Thomas and Brandon Wilson all added 1 hit. Derrick Thomas was saddled with the loss as he pitched 5 innings and allowed 4 runs on 5 hits and 1 walk, while striking out 7 batters. Ralston Moore pitched 1 inning and allowed 4 runs on 3 hits and 1 walk and 1 hit batter, while striking out 1.

Z.C. 6

ELBA 5

The Elba Tigers traveled to Zion Chapel on Thursday afternoon and watched as the Rebels pulled across single runs in the sixth and seventh innings to rally and pull out an exciting 6-5 win.

Elba came out swinging the bats and appeared ready to grab an early lead when LaRay Williams and Matthew Curran

opened the game with hits. However, Williams was thrown out at third trying to go from first to third on the Curran single, and the next two batters grounded out as the Tigers missed out on an early scoring opportunity.

Zion Chapel moved ahead 1-0 in the bottom of the second on a solo home-run by Abe Childs, but the Tigers bounced right back and scored three runs in the top of the third to grab a 3-1 advantage.

Clark Skinner reached on an error to open the third for the Tigers, while Aaron Harrelson beat out an infield hit to give Elba two base runners with no outs. LaRay Williams followed with a triple to drive in both Skinner and Harrelson, and Williams later scored on a fielder's choice as Elba moved on to 3-1.

The Rebels pulled even at 3-3 in the bottom of the third on a two-run double by Macon Hodges, and then regained the lead at 4-3 in the fourth when Abe Childs reached on an error and later scored on an RBI single by Jason Danley.

The Tigers were down, but not about to quit, and plated two runs in the top of the fifth to rally and regain the lead at 5-4. Aaron Harrelson drew a lead off walk to spark the Elba rally, while Matthew Curran was hit by a pitch with one out to give the Tigers runners on first and second. Harrelson scored home on an RBI single by Ralston Moore to pull Elba even at 5-4, and Curran later scored on an error off the bat of Adam Spicer as the Tigers moved back on top 5-4.

Zion Chapel caught the Tigers at 5-5 in the bottom of the sixth on an RBI by Taylor, and then scored the winning run when Jason Danley delivered a two-out single in the seventh to drive in Abe Childs.

LaRay Williams had 2 hits and scored 1 run to lead Elba, while Adam Spicer added 2 hits, Aaron Harrelson had 1 hit and scored 2 runs, and Matthew Curran and Ralston Moore both added 1 hit. Clark Skinner pitched 6 innings and allowed 5 runs on 9 hits and 2 walks, while striking out 8 batters, while Lance Sotley was tagged with the loss as he pitched 2 1/3 innings and allowed 1 run on 1 hit and 1 hit batter.

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The Elba Tigers snapped an early-season losing streak Friday afternoon by posting a big 8-3 win over the New Brockton Gamecocks, in Elba.

The win upped the Tigers' record to 1-2, while the Gamecocks slipped to 1-5 with the loss.

Elba's Derrick Thomas sat down the Gamecocks in order in the top of the first inning, and the Tigers then went to work immediately at the plate as they combined three hits with one walk and one error to plate three runs to grab an early 3-0 lead.

Elba put runners on first and second without the benefit of a hit as LaRay Williams drew a walk and Matthew Curran reached on an error, and both runners moved up one base on a ground out to first off the bat of Ralston Moore. A one-out single by Derrick Thomas drove in Williams with the first run of the inning, while Ryan Gibbs and Brandon Wilson added two out hits that enabled the Tigers to jump out to a quick 3-0 lead.

Aaron Harrelson singled, moved to third on a single by LaRay Williams and then scored on a fielder's choice off the bat of Matthew Curran as the Tigers upped their lead to 4-0 in the top of the second, but the Gamecocks showed signs of life in the fourth and combined one hit, one walk and two errors to score a run and cut the Elba lead to 4-1.

LaRay Williams singled, moved to second on a single by Matthew Curran and later scored on a passed ball as the Tigers increased their lead to 5-1 in the bottom of the fourth, and Elba then put the win in the bag in the sixth as the Tigers added three runs on three hits to stretch their lead to 8-1.

Lead off singles by Caleb Dyess and Chase Boutwell sparked the late Elba rally, while Matthew Curran laid down a sacrifice bunt and Derrick Thomas delivered a two-run double to give the Tigers the big 8-1 advantage.

New Brockton scored two runs in the final inning on three hits, but the Tigers easily held on and left the field with the 8-3 win.

LaRay Williams had 2 hits and scored 3 runs to lead Elba at the plate, while Derrick Thomas added 2 hits, scored 1 run and knocked in 3 runs. Brandon Wilson also added 2 hits, while collecting 1 hit were Matthew Curran, Ryan Gibbs, Caleb Dyess, Aaron Harrelson and Chase Boutwell. Derrick Thomas got the win on the mound as he pitched six innings and allowed 1 run on 2 hits and 3 walks, while striking out 8 batters. Lance Sotley pitched 1 inning and allowed 2 runs on 3 hits and 1 walk.

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* BASEBALL * SOFTBALL *
SCHEDULES

BASEBALL

THURSDAY, MARCH 11

Elba at Abbeville (V) 4:00
Straughton at Zion Chapel (DH) 4:00

FRIDAY, MARCH 12

Elba at Opp (V) 5:00
Zion Chapel at Arnton (JV) 4:30

MONDAY, MARCH 15

Zion Chapel, in Arnton Tournament

TUESDAY, MARCH 16

Elba at Geneva County (V) 5:00

THURSDAY, MARCH 18

Samson at Elba (JV-V) 4:00

SOFTBALL

THURSDAY, MARCH 11

Brantley at Pleasant Home (V) 4:00

FRIDAY, MARCH 12

Elba, in Andalusia Tournament
Florala at Kinston (V) 4:30

SATURDAY, MARCH 13

Elba, in Andalusia Tournament

MONDAY, MARCH 15

Brantley at Opp (V) 3:30

TUESDAY, MARCH 16

Elba at Straughton (V) 3:30
Kinston at Brantley (JV-V) 4:00

THURSDAY, MARCH 18

Opp at Elba (V) 4:00

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SPORTS

Baxley tosses no-hitter

Lady Tigers open softball season with 14-0 win over New Brockton Lady Gamecocks

Stephanie Baxley pitched a no-hitter and struck out nine batters last Monday night to spark the Elba Lady Tigers to an easy 14-0 win over the New Brockton Lady Gamecocks, in New Brockton.

Lacy Carlie opened the top of the first with an infield hit

and later scored on a fielder's choice as Elba grabbed a quick 1-0 lead, while the Lady Tigers combined one hit with four errors in the second to plate five runs and open up a 6-0 advantage. Krystan Parker ripped an RBI double in the third as Elba extended its lead to 7-0, while

Michelle Carpenter added an RBI single in the fourth to help the Lady Tigers move ahead 9-0. Lacy Carlie and Kristen Barnes both had key hits in the fifth as the Lady Tigers' lead ballooned to 14-0, and Elba easily held on for the win.

Lacy Carlie had 2 hits and

scored 4 runs to lead Elba at the plate, while Michelle Carpenter added 2 hits and scored 3 runs. Haleigh Duncan, Kristen Barnes, Krystan Parker and Mallory Allen all added 1 hit and scored 1 run. Stephanie Baxley tossed a no-hitter and struck out 9 batters to get the win on the pitching rubber.

Lady Tigers suffer back-to-back losses to Andalusia and Kinston

The Elba Lady Tigers returned to the softball field twice last week after their season-opening win over New Brockton and despite allowing no earned runs in either game lost to both Andalusia and Kinston to see their record slip to 1-2 in early-season action.

The Lady Tigers hosted Andalusia on Tuesday afternoon and dropped a 4-3 decision in eight innings, then hosted Kinston on Thursday afternoon and were upset 3-2.

Following are highlights of both games:

ANDALUSIA 4

ELBA 3

The Elba Lady Tigers staged a late rally to send the game into extra innings, but then allowed two unearned runs in the top of the eighth and failed to recover in a 4-3 loss to Andalusia, last Tuesday afternoon in Elba.

Elba's Stephanie Baxley allowed only one hit and struck out four batters over the first three innings to keep Andalusia off the base paths, but the Lady Tigers also had problems at the plate as Haleigh Duncan got the only Elba hit in three innings as the scoreboard remained at 0-0 through three innings of play.

Andalusia managed only its second hit of the game in the top of the fourth, but did get on the scoreboard when a throw to first base after a bunt sailed high over the first baseman's glove and rolled down the right field line into the corner and allowed two runs to cross the plate.

The Lady Tigers continued their struggles at the plate through six innings and trailed 2-0 heading into the bottom of the seventh, but came to life and scored twice to send the game into extra innings tied at 2-2.

A lead-off single by Stephanie Baxley sparked the late Elba rally, while Kristen Barnes delivered an RBI single and later scored on a fielder's choice as the Lady Tigers stayed alive and pulled even at 2-2.

Andalusia took advantage of another throwing error to first base to plate two unearned runs in the top of the eighth to regain the lead at 4-2, and survived another Elba rally to hold on and post the 4-3 win.

Michelle Carpenter, Haleigh Duncan, Stephanie Baxley, Kristen Barnes and Greta Robinson all had 1 hit to lead Elba at the plate, while Baxley was tagged with the loss on the rubber despite holding Andalusia to 4 hits and no earned runs, and striking out 12 batters.

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MELANIE MULARZ tossed a no-hitter and struck out 9 batters last week to lead the Elba Lady Tiger JV to a season opening 16-1 win over New Brockton.

Lady Tiger JV win one and lose two in weekend tourney

The Elba Lady Tiger Junior Varsity traveled to Luverne on Saturday to participate in a four-team round robin softball tournament and posted one win and two losses to see their record for the season slip to 2-3.

The Lady Tigers opened the tournament against Brantley and suffered an 8-7 loss, then lost to Luverne 9-8 before winning their final game 14-13 over Zion Chapel.

Following are highlights of all three tournament games:

BRANTLEY 8

ELBA 7

The Elba Lady Tigers rallied from an early deficit and pulled even in the top of the final inning, but then watched as Brantley took advantage of an error in the bottom of the frame and claimed an 8-7 win over Elba, in the opening game of the tournament on Saturday morning, in Luverne.

The Lady Tigers trailed 2-0 after one inning of play, but rallied in the second inning to plate four runs to grab a 4-2 advantage. Three walks and an error helped spark the Lady Tiger rally, while Haley Stinson delivered a key two-run single. Brantley scored four runs in its half of the second and added one run in the third to regain the lead at 7-4, only to see Elba rally again and plate two runs in the fourth to pull within 7-6 on an RBI triple by Haley Stinson and an RBI single by Melanie Mularz.

Kiswana Cole singled and later scored in the fifth inning as Elba pulled even at 7-7, but Brantley needed only two batters to win the game in the bottom of the inning as Elba booted a base hit in the outfield that allowed the winning run to cross the plate.

Haley Stinson had 2 hits and knocked in 3 runs to lead Elba at the plate, while Melanie Mularz added 2 hits and collected 1 RBI. Kiswana Cole and LaFondra Thigpen both added 1 hit and scored 1 run. Mularz took the loss on the mound as she allowed 9 hits and 5 walks, while striking out 4 batters.

LUVERNE 9

ELBA 8

The Elba Lady Tigers allowed Luverne to score three unearned runs in the bottom of the final inning and dropped a 9-8 decision, in their second game of the day.

Elba trailed 1-0 after one inning of play, but pushed across two runs in the top of the second to take a 2-1 lead, with the key hit being an RBI single by Kiswana Cole. Luverne regained its lead at 3-2 in its half of the inning. However, the Lady Tigers again rallied and pulled even at 3-3 in the top of the third on a triple by Haley Stinson and an RBI single by Brittany Caldwell. Luverne scored one run in the third and added two more in the fourth to carry a 6-4 lead into the final frame, only to see the Lady Tigers rally for the third time as they scored four runs to grab an 8-6 advantage. The late inning rally was sparked by a lead off

single by Melanie Mularz and back-to-back doubles by Brittany and Brandy Caldwell. Luverne had the final at-bat, however, and used two walks, two singles and three errors to plate three runs and post the 9-8 win.

Haley Stinson, Brittany Caldwell and Brandy Caldwell scored three runs in the top of the seventh inning and then held on in the bottom of the inning to escape with a 14-13 win over Zion Chapel in their final game of the three-game event.

The Elba Lady Tigers scored three runs in the top of the seventh inning and then held on in the bottom of the inning to escape with a 14-13 win over Zion Chapel in their final game of the three-game event.

Neither team scored in the opening inning, but Elba combined two hits with four errors in the second inning to grab a 4-0 lead. A lead-off single by Tashamba Jones sparked the Elba rally, while Melanie Mularz added a two-run single. Zion Chapel scored one run in the bottom of the second to cut the Elba lead to 4-1, but the Lady Tigers added four runs in the top of the third to open up a big 8-1 advantage. A two-out single by Mandy Blackmon ignited the Elba uprising, while Meagan Anderson, Haley Stinson and Melanie Mularz all delivered key hits. Zion Chapel scored three runs in the bottom of the third to pull within 8-4, and then after Elba scored once in the top of the fourth the Lady Rebels plated four runs to cut the Elba lead to 9-8 heading into the fifth inning. April Finedore walked and later scored on an RBI single by Melanie Mularz as Elba upped its lead to 10-8, but Zion Chapel combined two hits with three errors to plate two runs in its half of the inning to catch the Lady Tigers at 10-10.

Both teams failed to score in the sixth inning after moving runners to third base, but Elba came back to life in the seventh and used key hits by April Finedore and Melanie Mularz to plate three runs and opened up a 14-11 lead. Zion Chapel took advantage of two errors to score two quick runs in the bottom of the inning, only to see the shaky Elba defense come through late and hold on to survive the marathon and post the wild 14-13 win.

Melanie Mularz had 5 hits and collected 5 RBIs to lead Elba at the plate, while Meagan Anderson added 2 hits and scored 2 runs and Haley Stinson had 2 hits and knocked in 2 runs. April Finedore added 1 hit and scored 3 runs, Mandy Blackmon added 1 hit and scored 2 runs and Brittany Caldwell added 1 hit and scored 1 run. Melanie Mularz got the win in relief as she pitched six innings and allowed eight hits and two walks.

SPORTS

2004 "Relay for Life" softball touney set for April 2-3 in Elba

The Peoples Bank of Coffee County announces its plans to sponsor a Relay for Life Softball Tournament in Elba.

The tournament will be a Men's Class C & D event and will be held Friday and Saturday, April 2 and 3, at the Hawkins-Williams softball complex in Elba.

It will be a double elimination touney with a four homerun limit per game.

The entry fee will be \$110 per team, and only the first 20 teams will be taken. Deadline to enter is Wednesday, March 31.

The top four teams will receive trophies, and the winning team also will receive a t-shirt.

All proceeds from entry fees and concessions will go to the American Cancer Society Relay for Life. Please contact Renee Bradshaw or Melvone Blair at The Peoples Bank (897-2252) to enter.

Free boating class set

Lurleen B. Wallace Community College MacArthur Campus will offer a Boating Safety Course on Monday, April 5, 2004 and Tuesday, April 6, 2004. This course will be held from 6:00 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. each evening in the Conference Center Building.

This classroom course is approved by the Alabama Marine Police Division. Taking the boater certification course will enable participants to comply with the Alabama Boater Certification Law.

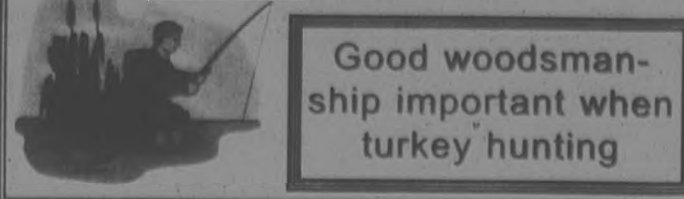
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Let's Go...

Outdoors with Ben

by Ben Norman, Sports Columnist



Good woodsman-ship important when turkey hunting

The coming spring Gobbler season is the subject of coffee shop chatter across Alabama. Once again experts and novices will match wits with one of the Nation's smartest birds. Hunters who consistently bag several nice gobblers each year have mastered the sport to some extent, but they will tell you no one can reliably predict what a smart old Tom may do.

The first thing one must do to collect a Tom is to find him without him finding you first. If you are scouting or hunting in more open terrain it is important to utilize the terrain to hide your movement. If you think birds are near, take advantage of a rise in the topography, line of brush or anything else that will help hide the human outline. They have eyesight that can only be compared to Superman's X-ray vision. Walking or sitting in the shadows of trees will also help prevent you from being spotted. Another tactic some hunters use both for scouting and hunting is to sneak down ditches and washes to the spot where they want to be. One hunter I know uses knee and elbow pads to crawl to locations that he thinks hold birds. This may be a bit much for most of us, but you can't help but admire his determination.

Since most turkey hunters prefer to be in the woods before daylight, they must be especially careful not to make noises that will alert a gobbler that a hunter is entering his living room. The use of flashlights to walk into a setup is also debated. I've heard some say that an artificial light will lessen your chances of success. Others say that a small light aimed directly at the ground in front of the hunter is OK. Some say the use of a small flashlight with a red lens is best. I won't try to settle the argument as far as using a flashlight, but I do know I had rather take a small chance of spooking a bird than stepping into a stump hole in the dark.

Even beginning turkey hunters know that turkeys are located by various locator calls such as a crow, owl or coyote call. It's important to try to locate the bird that gobbles at you locator call, but it's important to listen for the not so obvious sounds. Sometimes you can detect other turkey sounds such as birds scratching in or walking through dry leaves. Also listen for the drumming and flying sounds made by turkeys.

Cupping your hands over the rear part of your ears serves as a built in amplifying device to hear these distant sounds.

The green of spring is trying to peep through. Find a lush bottom with new growth emerging and there is a good chance you can locate a flock of turkeys. You could be eating fried turkey fillers by noon on opening day.

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Elba Tiger JV clobber New Brockton 14-4 to claim first win of 2004 baseball season

The Elba Tiger Junior Varsity opened its baseball season last week and posted one win in three outings to end the week with a 1-2 record.

The Tiger JV opened the season with losses to Brantley 7-1 and Zion Chapel 9-4, but bounced back late in the week and got its first victory by posting a 13-4 win over New Brockton.

Following are highlights of all three games.

BRANTLEY 7 ELBA 1

The Elba Tiger JV opened its season on Tuesday afternoon in Brantley and managed only four hits in a 7-1 loss to the Brantley Bulldogs.

Brantley combined two hits with four Elba errors to open up a 4-0 lead after two innings, while the Tigers got on the scoreboard in the third when Adam Henderson led off with a single, moved to second on a sacrifice fly and then raced home on an RBI single by Brad Sullivan.

The Bulldogs added three runs in the bottom of the fourth on the compliments of two more Elba errors and two hits, and Elba managed only one base runner in its final two at-bats as the Tigers took the loss 7-1.

Adam Henderson had 2 hits and scored 1 run to lead Elba at the plate, while Brad Sullivan and Michael Spurlin both added 1 hit.

Z.C. 9 ELBA 4

The Elba Tiger JV fell behind early and never recovered Thursday afternoon as they fell to the Zion Chapel Rebels 9-4, at Zion Chapel.

The Tigers grabbed a 1-0 lead in the top of the first inning when Adam Henderson delivered a one-out single and later came around to score on a passed ball, but it was the Rebels that did the damage for

the next four innings as Zion Chapel plated nine runs on seven hits and eight walks to open up a big 9-1 lead after four innings of play.

Elba showed signs of life in the top of the fifth and scored three runs, but it was too little, too late, as the Rebels turned back the late rally and posted the 9-4 win. The last-inning rally for the Tigers was sparked by singles by Stephen Driggers and Chase Boutwell, while both runners scored on a two out double by Jacob Forbes.

Bobby Hudson had 3 hits to lead Elba at the plate, while Adam Henderson, Stephen Driggers, Chase Boutwell, Jacob Forbes and Bradley Wilson all added 1 hit.

ELBA 14 N.B. 4

The Elba Tiger JV got in the win column Friday afternoon at home by rolling past the New Brockton Gamecocks 14-4, in Elba.

The Tigers jumped out to a quick 2-0 lead in the bottom of the first when Don Rhoades led off with a single and then raced home on an RBI double by Stephen Driggers. Driggers later scored on an RBI single by

Bradley Wilson, and after one inning Elba was on top 2-0.

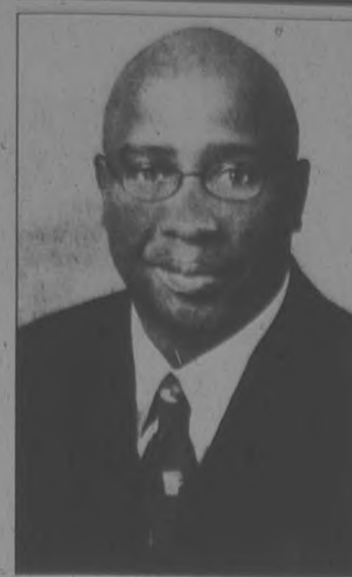
Neither team scored in the second, but New Brockton came to life in the top of the third and plated four runs as the Gamecocks combined two hits with four walks and one error to take a 4-2 lead.

The Tigers didn't trail for long; however, as Elba bounced back in the bottom of the inning to score twelve runs and regain the lead at 14-4. Adam Henderson and Stephen Driggers both came through with singles to open the inning, while Chase Boutwell, Bradley Wilson, Jacob Forbes, Ryan McCollough and Bobby Hudson combined for five straight hits as the Tigers beat the baseball all over the field and blew the game wide open and claimed the win by the ten-run rule 14-4.

Stephen Driggers and Bradley Wilson both had 3 hits and scored 2 runs to lead Elba at the plate, while Adam Henderson added 2 hits and scored 2 runs and Jacob Forbes added 2 hits and scored 1 run. Getting 1 hit in the big win were Don Rhoades, Brad Sullivan, Chase Boutwell, Ryan McCollough and Bobby Hudson.

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COMMUNITY NEWS



Frederick Hamilton

Hamilton receives Doctorate Degree

Frederick Hamilton has earned a Doctorate Degree in Public Administration from the H. Wayne Huizenga School of Business at Nova Southeastern University (NSU). NSU is a private university located in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. In order to become a candidate for the degree required the completion of 60 hours of work course; the completion of a dissertation; the passing of a comprehensive examination; and a professional publication where a rigorous selection standard is documented.

Frederick Hamilton is employed with the Southeast Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission (SEAR&D) as the Director of Community Development. He oversees various function, which includes federal and state grants for community and economic development. Hamilton has written and managed approximately 28 million dollars worth of grants during his tenure. These projects have led the community and economic development such as housing rehabilitation, water, sewer, storm drainage, and recreation improvements for communities throughout the southeast Alabama region. In addition, Hamilton has been directly involved in various industrial location and expansion projects in the southeast Alabama region that have led to approximately 3,000 new jobs being created in the manufacturing and service industry. Hamilton has also been involved with the local community planning as well as various state planning projects.

Hamilton earned a B.S. degree in public administration from Auburn University in 1987. In 1994, he graduated from the Economic Development Institute (EDI) at the University of Oklahoma. In 1995, Hamilton became the first African American in Alabama to become a Certified Economic Developer (CED). Currently, there are approximately 1,025 Certified Economic Developers in the United States and Canada. The International Economic Development Council (IEDC), the premier economic development training organization in the United States, sponsors this certification in economic development by becoming an Economic Development Finance Professional (EDFP). The National Development Council, which is located in New York, sponsors this program.

Hamilton serves on two different boards in Enterprise, AL. Hamilton has been invited to conduct an instructional seminar at the Center for Government Services at Auburn University for the Association of County Commissioners in May 2004. Dr. Frederick L. Hamilton is the son of Eva Hamilton and the grandson of Mildred Fair.



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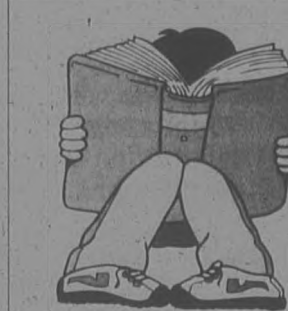
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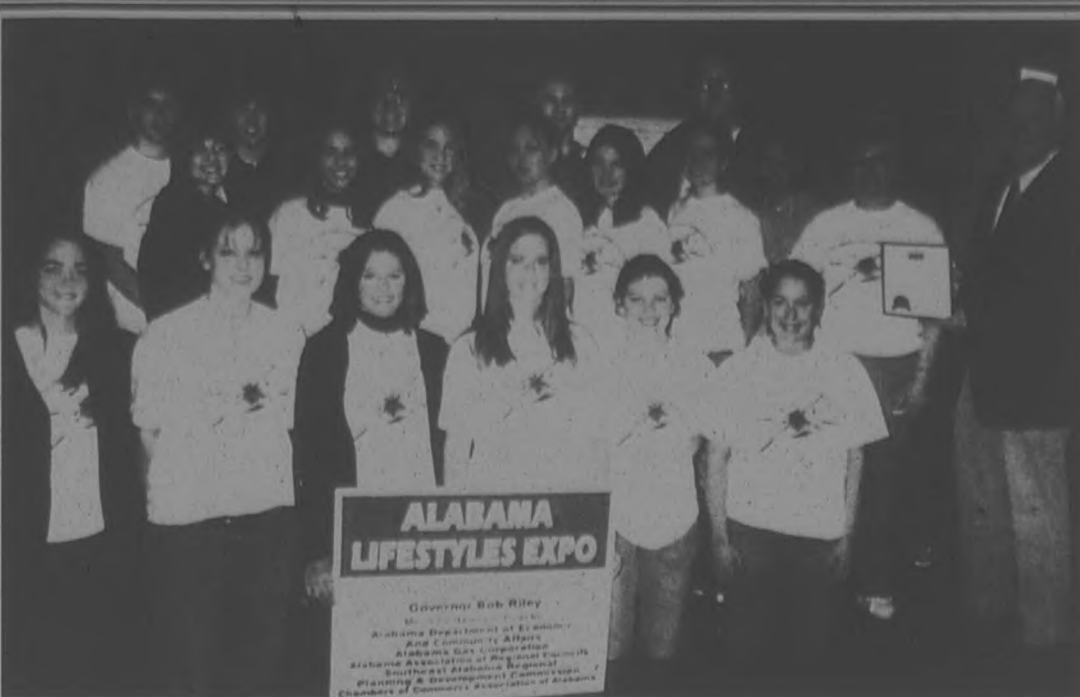
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THE COFFEE COUNTY YOUTH LEADERSHIP CLASS 2003-2004 was invited to serve as host for the 14th Annual Lifestyles EXPO held in Gulf Shores, Alabama on February 6. The students welcomed 1800+ visitors to the exhibit on behalf of Bill Meadows and Alabama Advantage for Relocation and Retirement. Nineteen Coffee County students along with students from Greenville registered guests, served as guides, and managed the prize drawings for the day. The trip was made possible by local sponsors that donated funding to pay the expense of the trip. The students extend their appreciation to Alabama Power Company, ALFAB, New Brockton and Elba Housing Authorities, the Peoples Bank of Elba, New Brockton Propane Gas, and Kelley Foods of Elba. Coffee County Youth Leadership is made up of students from all five high schools in Coffee County.

Front Row: Freda Kelley, Breann Hattaway, Lyndsay Lawford, Jessica Goetz, Tiffany Wilson, Kristie Spinks, Jessica Lacey, Geni Olimb, Peggy Stroud (AL Coop Ext. System) and John Harrison (ADECA) Back Row: Drew Donaldson, Taylor McGuire, Kaleb Dyess, Bradley Bane, Roy King, Michael Sneed. Also accompanying the group to the EXPO, but not pictured were: Stanley Walker, Program Director and Carolyn Sulley, Assistant Coordinator.

Zion Chapel students win in 24th Annual Math and Computer Science Olympiad

Nearly 2,000 "mathletes" recently competed at Wallace Community College's 24th Annual Tri-State Math and Computer Science Olympiad. Students from 72 middle and high schools within a 100-mile radius of the College tested their skills in pre-algebra, Algebra I, geometry, Algebra II, advanced math, computer literacy, micro-computer applications and comprehensive competition.

According to Dr. Jim Kinney, event chairman, the competition is intended to stimulate interest in mathematics and computer sciences and to reward the ability of those students who excel. The Olympiad also provides an effective means for developing a closer working relationship between participating schools and Wallace Community College. While students compete, teachers network and attend instructional seminars. The theme for this year's

Olympiad was "Mathematics and Computers: Tools for all Nations."

Students from Wiregrass area public and private institutions were among the big winners. Donovan Kelley of Zion Chapel High School took third place and Clay Lewis took sixth place in the computer literacy competition while teammate Brittany Dismukes took fourth in the pre-algebra testing.

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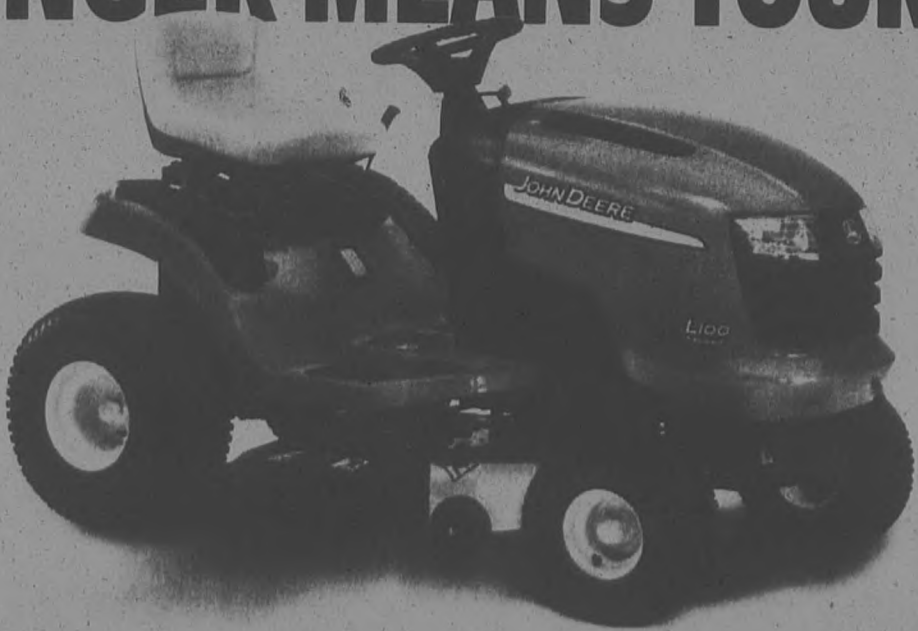
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it...getting right of ways.
"Again, unfortunately, the things Mrs. Kelley spoke of can be mentioned on every dirt road," Tindell said.

Before moving on, Stephens again offered his motion, and again, it died for lack of a second.

On a lighter note, Dr. John Granger addressed commissioners to thank them for allowing the recent Omega Force event to be held at the Coffee County Farm Center.

He said the overall attendance for the four night event was around 10,000 which he believes is the second largest attended religious event for Coffee County.

"We want to thank you formally for giving us the building

free of charge," Granger said.
Commissioners also heard a request from Johnny Simmons during the Monday morning meeting to waive the landfill dumping fees for Christian Mission, as well as, to consider giving a monetary donation to the Mission.

Simmons said he first appeared before commissioners four months ago and was led to come again since he had not heard anything from the commission regarding his request.

"My main request today is for you to schedule an annual meeting between the Mission and commission to discuss the issues," Simmons said.

Commissioner Stephens responded to Simmons' remarks by assuring him his request for a

donation will be discussed during the annual budget hearings.
In regards to the landfill dumping fee, however, the county engineer explained that the rules and regulations of the landfill specifically indicate that the fees never be waived.

After being asked by commissioner Linda Westbrook if Geneva and Pike counties (also served by Christian Mission) give any type of donation, Simmons said no one from Christian Mission authorized him to come before the commissioners. Instead, he said he came because Jesus led him to come.

Commissioner Bernest Brooks offered a motion to have a meeting with Christian Mission officials at a designated time, but his motion died for

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lack of a second.
Commissioner Stephens said he personally knows the director of Christian Mission and would be glad to speak with him regarding donations from the commission.

Commissioner Jim Thompson agreed this would be the proper procedure to take in regards to assisting the Christian Mission.

Commissioner Bernest Brooks presented a resolution for approval Monday morning regarding the ElderCare Initiative.

In his resolution, Brooks asked the local legislative delegation to introduce a bill authorizing the levy of a three mill ad valorem tax, subject to the approval of the qualified

voters of the county at the next general, primary, constitutional or special election.
"I see we can really do something tangible for our senior citizens," Brooks said. "I want to see senior citizens of Coffee County to have a chance to vote if they want a three mill tax or not."

His motion to approve the resolution died on the table for lack of receiving a second.

In other business, the commission:
* Approved a motion to authorize the resurfacing of county roads 14, 421, 210 and 211. Also the paving of the parking lots at the Ino and Mount Pleasant Senior Citizen Centers and the walking trail at the New Hope Senior Citizen

Center.
* Approved a motion allowing the emergency management office to donate a radio to the Kinston Fire Department.

* Approved a motion to send out bids regarding the air conditioning for the FSA office.

* Received a reminder that March 31st is the deadline for sign-up for Phase II of the Coffee County Water System expansion project. According to officials, the system has received approximately 300 sign-ups.

* Commissioner Westbrook announced the Zion Chapel Senior Citizen Center has received a grant for Energy Conservation. She thanked center manager Terri Senn for her hard work.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Elba Masonic Lodge #170 conducts Tri-County Valentine Sweetheart pageant



BABY MISS...Harley Odom, Opp, was crowned 2004 Baby Miss Tri-County Valentine Sweetheart. Other winners included: First Place - Kiley VanNostrand, Samson; 2nd Place - Sarah Presley Thomas; Enterprise, Photogenic and Eyes - Kiley VanNostrand; and Hair - Sarah Presley Thomas.



TINY MISS...Matalie Taylor Green, Brundidge, was crowned 2004 Tiny Miss Tri-County Valentine Sweetheart. Other winners included: First Place - Zoe Rebecca Wallace, Enterprise; Second Place - Kiley Nicole Sanders, Elba; Photogenic - Baylie Smith, Luverne; Eyes - Kiley Nicole Sanders; and Hair - Myia Janee Germany, Elba.



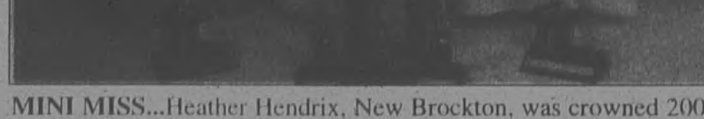
TOT MISS...Frances Brayton Martin, Elba, was crowned 2004 Tot Miss Tri-County Valentine Sweetheart. Other winners included: First Place - Kinley Laine Parker, Jack; Second Place - Jessica Alexandria Smith, Chancellor; Photogenic - Madison Layne Stephens, Samson; Eyes - Bethany Cheyenne Macon, Elba; and Hair - Frances Brayton Martin.



MINI MISS...Heather Hendrix, New Brockton, was crowned 2004 Mini Miss Tri-County Valentine Sweetheart. Other winners included: First Place - Asha Andrianna Deal, Elba; Second Place - Kaitlin Turner, New Brockton; Heather Hendrix also won the photogenic, eyes and hair categories.



JUNIOR MISS...Lindsay Meagan McClung, Elba, was crowned 2004 Junior Miss Tri-County Valentine Sweetheart. Other winners included: First Place - Suzanne Parker, Elba; Second Place - Courtney Brienne Weeks, Kinston; Photogenic - Joni Laine Lolley, Opp; Eyes and Hair - Summer Suzanne Parker.



LITTLE MISS...Chelbie Fuller, Kinston, was crowned 2004 Little Miss Tri-County Valentine Sweetheart. Other winners included: First Place - Tarah Marie Senn, Brantley; Second Place - Morgan Brooks Simmons, Opp; Photogenic - Sarah Reagan Kelley, Elba; Eyes - Tarah Marie Senn; and Hair - Chelbie Fuller.

MISS...Jessica Dylan Kelley, Andalusia, was crowned 2004 Miss Tri-County Valentine Sweetheart. Other winners included: First Place - Anna Michelle Adkinson, Opp; Second Place - Lauren Alexis McClung, Elba; Photogenic - Amber Lee-Ann Ogburn, Elba; Eyes - Kayleigh Watson, Chancellor; and Hair - Jessica Dylan Kelley.

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STATE OF ALABAMA
COFFEE COUNTY
REVENUE COMMISSIONER'S SALE
I, Ronald L. Burns, Revenue Commissioner for Coffee County, by virtue of a decree rendered by the Probate Judge, William O. Gammill, of said county on March 2, 2004 will proceed to sell to the highest bidder for cash, before the courthouse door in Elba, said county within the hours of legal sale on April 13, 2004 at 10:00 a.m. the following described real estate for taxes and cost due thereon for the year 2003:
3-11-16-25-chn

BAKER P H & VALARIE 14-01-02-0-000-004-001
SEC 02 TWSHP 4N RNGE 20E BEG AT NE COR
OF NW 1/4 OF NW 1/4, TH W 318 S 500'S, SE
332 N 695 TO P.O.B.
TAX \$ 83.04
COSTS \$ 19.88
TOTAL \$ 102.92

BAXLEY CURTIS R 04-01-02-0-000-004-000
SEC 02 TWSHP 7N RNGE 19E NE 1/4 OF SW
1/4 OF SEC 2 LYING S OF CO RD 3068 W OF
CO RD 312
TAX \$ 83.04
COSTS \$ 19.88
TOTAL \$ 102.92

BEESOLE CHERYL 13-08-34-0-000-013-000
SEC 34 TWSHP 4N RNGE 19E A LOT IN NW
COR NW 1/4 OF SW 1/4 DESC AS FOL BEG INTE
ROW UNPAVED CO RD & N 40 LINE OF SD 1/4
TH E 173 S 220 W 173 N 220 TO P.O.B. WITH
IMPROVEMENTS
TAX \$ 139.62
COSTS \$ 29.58
TOTAL \$ 169.20

BLAKE CLARENCE 06-07-35-0-000-006-003
SEC 35 TWSHP 6N RNGE 20E E 1/2 OF NW 1/4
OF NW 1/4 & E 1/2 OF SW 1/4 OF NW 1/4 LYING N
OF CO RD 235 WITH IMPROVEMENTS
TAX \$ 133.91
COSTS \$ 23.46
TOTAL \$ 157.37

BLAKE CLARENCE A & JUDIE A 06-07-35-0-000-006-000
SEC 35 TWSHP 6N RNGE 20E E 1/2 OF NW 1/4
OF NW 1/4 & E 1/2 OF SW 1/4 OF NW 1/4 LYING N
OF CO RD 235 WITH IMPROVEMENTS
TAX \$ 82.47
COSTS \$ 24.46
TOTAL \$ 106.93

BLUE CLIFFORD 11-03-08-3-002-034-000
SEC 08 TWSHP 6N RNGE 20E A LOT IN N 1/2
OF SW 1/4 DESC AS FOL BEG ON N STAYLOR
MILL RD 205 W OF ADKINSON ST & RUN W
75TH N 210 TH E 75 TH S 210 TO P.O.B. WITH
IMPROVEMENTS
TAX \$ 191.19
COSTS \$ 30.09
TOTAL \$ 221.28

BRYAN VERA (DEC) 11-04-18-1-002-041-000
SEC 18 TWSHP 6N RNGE 20E A LOT IN SW 1/4
OF NE 1/4 DES AS BEG 300 NW OF N 1/4 S
RW ANN ST & W RW REESE ST TH SW 150
NW 80N ELY 150 SELY 80 TO P.O.B. ELBA
WITH IMPROVEMENTS
TAX \$ 74.21
COSTS \$ 31.11
TOTAL \$ 105.32

COOK JESSE & ROSALYN 06-08-28-0-000-001-015
SEC 28 TWSHP 6N RNGE 20E COM AT INT OF E 1/2
OF SEC 7 & W 1/2 OF HWY 125 TH W 5470'S
NW 10'S TO P.O.B. TH SW 211 SE 210'S
NE 210' TO P.O.B. WITH IMPROVEMENTS
TAX \$ 68.35
COSTS \$ 35.19
TOTAL \$ 103.54

COOK L C 11-03-08-3-003-020-000 SEC 08
TWSHP 6N RNGE 20E A LOT IN SW 1/4 OF
SW 1/4 DESC AS FOL BEG ON S STAYLOR MILL
RD 265 W OF TUCKER AVE & RUN S 285 TH
NW 45 TH N 280 TH E 40 TO P.O.B. WITH
IMPROVEMENTS
TAX \$ 47.35
COSTS \$ 31.11
TOTAL \$ 78.46

COON FANNY LOIS 13-03-05-0-000-018-006
SEC 05 TWSHP 4N RNGE 19E COM AT INT OF
S ROW OF CO RD 415 & W OF SE 1/4 TH 210
TO P.O.B. TH E 105 S 80' E 165 S 50' E 40
S 10'S W 380' N 380' E 210' N 305' TO P.O.B.
WITH IMPROVEMENTS
TAX \$ 156.57
COSTS \$ 34.17
TOTAL \$ 190.74

DANLEY THOMAS & WEAVER 05-04-19-0-000-017-001
SEC 19 TWSHP 6N RNGE 17 BEG @ INT OF
INT W/L OF E 1/2 OF SW 1/4 N RW HWY 141,
E 138' N 413' W 138' S 462' TO P.O.B. WITH
IMPROVEMENTS
TAX \$ 60.37
COSTS \$ 24.48
TOTAL \$ 84.85

DANLEY THOMAS H 05-04-19-0-000-017-002
SEC 19 TWSHP 6N RNGE 19E COM AT INT OF
COR OF SE 1/4 OF SW 1/4 TH E 138' TO P.O.B.
TH N 300' E 300' S 150' W 150' S 150' TO P.O.B.
WITH IMPROVEMENTS
TAX \$ 45.63
COSTS \$ 49.47
TOTAL \$ 95.10

DANNER BETH ANN 11-05-21-0-000-054-000
SEC 21 TWSHP 5N RNGE 20E COM AT INT OF

SL OF SEC & E RW OF US HWY 87TH NLY
920 TO P.O.B. TH E 480'S, N 250' W 430'S
240'S TO P.O.B.
TAX \$ 107.86
COSTS \$ 27.54
TOTAL \$ 135.40

DAVIS ELAINE 11-04-18-1-001-037-001 SEC 18
TWSHP 5N RNGE 20E COM @ INT N RW
PAYNE ST & S ELY RW WILLIAMS STNELY 153
TO P.O.B. SELY 68' NELY 72' NWLY 68'SWLY
ALG WILLIAMS ST 72' TO P.O.B. ELBA, WITH
IMPROVEMENTS
TAX \$ 85.80
COSTS \$ 25.50
TOTAL \$ 111.30

DAVIS ELAINE S 11-04-18-1-001-037-000
SEC 18 TWSHP 5N RNGE 20E COM @ INT N
RW PAYNE ST & WLY RW PLANT AVE NELY 47
TO P.O.B. NWLY 270(S) NELY 60(S) SELY
255(S)SWLY ALG PLANT AVE 16 TO P.O.B.
WITH IMPROVEMENTS
TAX \$ 57.53
COSTS \$ 28.56
TOTAL \$ 86.09

DONALDSON CHARLES C 10-09-30-0-000-007-000
SEC 30 TWSHP 5N RNGE 21E BEG AT
A PT 1122' W OF SE COR RUN N 2670 W 526'S
2670' E 526' TO P.O.B. LESS & EXC RD ROW,
WITH IMPROVEMENTS
TAX \$ 120.47
COSTS \$ 24.48
TOTAL \$ 144.95

DRIGGERS TAB FOLEY & NAOMI 07-01-11-0-000-007-002
SEC 11 TWSHP 6N RNGE 21E
BEG AT SW COR OF SE 1/4 TH E 396' N 568' SW
W 138.50' SELY 487' TO P.O.B.
TAX \$ 31.50
COSTS \$ 21.42
TOTAL \$ 52.92

DUNNAVANT OSCAR N 02-01-11-0-000-013-000
SEC 01 TWSHP 7N RNGE 21E COM AT INT OF
W/L OF SE 1/4 OF NE 1/4 & S/C CLOWERS
BRIDGER E 200 TO P.O.B. E 250' S 150' W
250(S) N 220 TO P.O.B. WITH IMPROVE-
MENTS
TAX \$ 44.22
COSTS \$ 26.01
TOTAL \$ 70.23

DUNNAVANT OSCAR N & WANDA G 02-01-11-0-000-013-000
SEC 01 TWSHP 7N RNGE 21E COM AT INT OF
W/L OF SE 1/4 OF NE 1/4 & S/C CLOWERS
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FLOWERS LORENZO & MARY LOIS 11-03-08-3-002-008-000
SEC 08 TWSHP 6N RNGE 20E A
LOT IN NW 1/4 OF SW 1/4 DESC AS FOL BEG ON
388' W OF ADKINSON ST & 185' N OF TAYLOR
MILL RD & RUN W 145 TH N 210 TH E 145' TH S
210 TO P.O.B.
TAX \$ 42.60
COSTS \$ 31.62
TOTAL \$ 74.22

FLOWERS LORENZO & MARY LOIS 11-03-08-3-002-008-000
SEC 08 TWSHP 6N RNGE 20E A LOT IN NW 1/4
OF SW 1/4 OF SW 1/4 DESC AS FOL BEG ON
388' W OF ADKINSON ST & 185' N OF TAYLOR
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210 TO P.O.B.
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HERRING BENNIE DEAN 01-02-10-0-000-020-000
SEC 10 TWSHP 7N RNGE 22E BEG @
INT W RW CO RD 79 & S RW CO RD 82 SELY
138' S ELY 262'6' W 376' NLY 151' NELY
259.8' NWLY 75' NELY 25 TO P.O.B. WITH
IMPROVEMENTS
TAX \$ 351.89
COSTS \$ 27.03
TOTAL \$ 378.92

HERRING JEREMY 01-01-12-0-000-002-006
SEC 12 TWSHP 7N RNGE 22E COM AT INT OF
S/L OF SEC 12 & E RW OF CO RD 109, THE
1102.28' TO P.O.B. TH N 268.30' E
975.58' 267.51' W 975.58' TO P.O.B. WITH
IMPROVEMENTS
TAX \$ 49.88
COSTS \$ 31.11
TOTAL \$ 80.99

HERRING JEREMY 01-01-12-0-000-002-005
SEC 12 TWSHP 7N RNGE 22E COM AT INT OF
S/L OF SEC 12 & E RW OF CO RD 109, THE
1102.28' TO P.O.B. TH N 268.30' E 975.58'
267.51' W 975.58' TO P.O.B. WITH IMPROVE-
MENTS
TAX \$ 91.69
COSTS \$ 23.52
TOTAL \$ 115.21

HILL RONALD & VALENTINA 12-01-02-0-000-012-038
SEC 02 TWSHP 5N RNGE 18E JESSIE
LEE TAYLOR RUSHING ESTATE PART IV PLAT
BOOK 2 PAGE 13 LOT 2
TAX \$ 18.36
COSTS \$ 80.27
TOTAL \$ 98.63

HUDSON JERRY W & WIFE 11-04-17-1-001-001-000
SEC 17 TWSHP 5N RNGE 20E BEG @
INT EL SEC 17 & N RW HWY 84 N 150'

NWLY50' SWLY 120(S) SELY 75 SELY 125 TO
P.O.B. WITH IMPROVEMENTS
TAX \$ 75.79
COSTS \$ 24.99
TOTAL \$ 100.78

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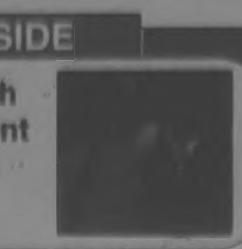
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Council names four board members

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council meeting of March 8th included several board appointments. Daniel Stephens and Steve Williams were each appointed to a second six year term on the Elba Industrial Development Board. Charlotte Whitehurst and Jim Gilmer were appointed to terms on the Elba Planning & Zoning Board. Whitehurst's term is a six year term and Gilmer is filling an unexpired term, resulting from a death. He will serve until

2007. Police Chief R. W. Whitworth told council member the new K-9 dog is working out great. He also joined with Mayor James Grimes in honoring Charles Webb for his efforts on behalf the people of Coffee County. "Coffee County never had a friend like Charles Webb," the council and visitors were told. The council approved a housekeeping resolution allowing the mayor and city clerk to sign checks dispensing funds from Elba's share of state oil and gas funds.

Monthly bills totaling \$123,458.28 were approved for payment. This included \$14,975 to ADECA, \$17,015.31 transfer to the Elba City Schools, \$14,437.63 to Waste Management for garbage pick-up, \$6,655.42 to the coffee County landfill and a \$26,450.01 workers compensation insurance payment. Mayor Grimes also announced the approval of a \$5400 ADECA grant for a generator to service a police radio repeater located away from the downtown station.



WEBB HONORED - Charles Webb, center, was honored in a surprise presentation by the Elba City Council recently. He was presented a plaque as appreciation for his dedication and loyal dedication to the people of Coffee County. Webb has served as Emergency Management Director and continues to head up the 911 project in Coffee County. Making the presentation are left, Police Chief R. W. Whitworth and right, Mayor James Grimes.

Project ChildSafe comes to Elba Saturday, April 10

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Elba Police Department announces the kickoff for Project ChildSafe Saturday, April 10, from 8 a.m. until 12 p.m.

Project ChildSafe is a national firearm safety education and gun lock program which promotes safe firearm handling and secure storage practices among all firearm owners. The National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF) recently partnered with local law enforcement agencies including the Elba Police Department, Coffee County Sheriff's Department, New Brockton Police Department, Kinston Police Department and Enterprise Police Department to distribute free gun locks in Coffee County.

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Westbrook announces candidacy for re-election

Linda Westbrook formally announces her candidacy for re-election to the District One seat on the Coffee County Commission.

Westbrook, a lifelong resident of Coffee County, has served on the Coffee County Commission as District One commissioner since 1996. A 1963 graduate of Opp High School, she attended the University of Montevallo and Troy State University. Her education includes a Bachelor of Science degree in accounting and business administration from Troy State University. She completed the 120 hour program with the Alabama Local Government Training Institute through Auburn University in June, 2000.

Westbrook said she appreciates the opportunity to have worked with the people in District One and Coffee County while serving on the Coffee County Commission.

"The Coffee County Commission has accomplished many good things for the citizens of Coffee County," she said. Westbrook believes her major contribution has been in working with the commission in the formation of the Coffee County Water Authority. Phase I (south of Hwy. 84) has been completed and work is being done on Phase II (north of Hwy. 84). "The Coffee County Water Authority board has done an

outstanding job and citizens north of Hwy. 84 are encouraged to sign up before the deadline of March 31," Westbrook said.

Four new senior citizen centers have been created with new buildings for three of the four, and she said the economic growth of Coffee County has been supported by the commission with monetary support to the Enterprise-Coffee-Geneva-Dale Economic Development Board and the City of Elba Economic Development Board.

"Roads and bridges in Coffee County are among the best in the state," Westbrook said. "Coffee County was number two in the state (Houston County was number one) with a grade of 92.13 on our road system with only two bridges (County Rd. 308) required to be replaced."

She said these bridges were the first to be replaced with money received from former Governor Don Siegelman's bond issue. Financially, Westbrook said Coffee County is sound which reflects the commission to be a good steward of the taxpayers money. She said every opportunity for services that can be funded by grants, the commission has stepped forward to seek grant funds bringing taxpayers dollars back to Coffee County.

"I am seeking re-election and



Linda Westbrook

will continue to serve District One and Coffee County as I have done in the past if I should be elected," Westbrook said. "I appreciate the continued support I have received and the opportunity citizens in District One have given me to represent them."

Linda and her husband, Chip Westbrook, reside on County Rd. 231. They have one daughter, Janna Curtis (married to Phillip Curtis), and three grandchildren, Chip, Benjamin and Emmaleigh Curtis.

Linda and Chip attend Wise Mill Assembly of God Church in the Wise Mill community.

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NB Town Council implements street sign project

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The New Brockton Town Council voted Monday evening, March 8, to apply for a housing rehabilitation grant with the assistance of a Dothan consultant firm.

Eric Johnson, a representative of Ewing Connor and Associates, addressed the council to offer the firm's assistance in applying for a Community Development Block Grant. The company had worked with New Brockton in the past.

Johnson said the last time New Brockton applied for this type grant was in 1999, but, it did not get funded. However, he said the town had been successful in receiving this type grant funding in 1991, 1993 and 1995.

"I am here tonight to offer you an alternative for your grant writing," Johnson said. "I know you've been disappointed the last few years watching others get grants and you being denied."

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rather than trying to do it all at once.

Therefore, council members approved a motion to purchase 50 percent of the needed signs and brackets to put up over the next quarter, especially in the areas that do not have any signs at all, to see how the project goes.

Council members discussed the Department of Transportation grant regarding sidewalks and the senior center renovations.

Town clerk Annette Williams said she had spoken with DOT officials who said the town needs a new scope of work for this grant.

McMonagle asked if indications were correct that if the town does not have anything in place by the end of March, it will lose this grant.

Williams said yes. She added that she had not heard anything from the grant writer, Lenwood Herron, at the time of the meeting.

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Approval of field trips in the works for C.C. Schools

by Linda Hodge, Editor

In reviewing the monthly financial statement during its regular meeting, the Coffee County Board of Education Thursday, March 4, received a positive report.

Superintendent Dr. Linda Ingram said the sales tax check recently received showed a notable increase from the previous year for the same time period. The sales tax check was for

\$87,103. According to Ingram, this was up \$16,718 from the previous year in which the sales tax check was \$70,385.

Ingram said this check marked the most the school system had received, and she publicly thanked everyone that she had shopped at home (Coffee County) for the holidays.

Zion Chapel teacher John McCrory addressed the board regarding an upcoming trip for the school's Bible choir team.

McCrory said the team will be traveling to Minnesota this year, and he requested the board give his group permission to drive rather than fly. He said he felt this will give the students more of an educational experience, as well as, be more enjoyable.

The board voted unanimously to allow the group to drive to Minnesota.

Ingram presented board members with a roof leakage problem at New Brockton High School.

She said the problem is with the flat part on the vocational building, and she asked permission to write a bid, send it out

and approve the low bid upon opening. By doing this, Ingram said the work could be done while students are out of school for Spring Break.

The board approved a motion to allow the superintendent to send out bids, review them and approve the low bid if it is found to be reasonable.

Ingram said she is working on a list of proposed field trips for students. She said she asked teachers to help make a list of desired trips.

If the field trip(s) can be tied to an educational program of the school system with a means of paying for the trip, Ingram said she will begin approving field trips. However, she said she can not promise to approve all field trips requested.

In other business, the board: "Accepted the high bids for the Child Nutrition Program surplus property items recently advertised for sale."

"Received a copy of the proposed school calendar for the 2004-05 school year. The board will approve the calendar at a later date."

"Received an update on the system and school report cards in which Ingram said the cards will go home with the students along with their report cards upon returning from Spring Break. Ingram did note this was the first year students took the SAT10, and she said the overall writing scores had improved."

The next regularly scheduled meeting for the Coffee County Board of Education will be Thursday, April 1, at 7 p.m.

NOTICE

The Town of New Brockton will dedicate its Robert Butler Monument Saturday, March 20, at 3 p.m. to the town park, located just to the New Brockton Town Hall. Everyone is invited to attend.

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